

Will of John Watson

In the name of God Amen I John Watson of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina do make order and declare this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament revoking all other last of all my debts are to be speedily and punctually paid

Item I give and bequeath to my friend John Gully and his wife one negro girl by the name of Hester.

Item I give and bequeath to my two sons Josiah B. Watson and John B. Watson all my lands with the tract that I gave to John B. Watson lying on Buffalo swamp to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath all my personal estate to my three sons, Willis Watson, Josiah B. Watson and John B. Watson and my grandson William J. B. Watson to be equally divided between them.

Item My will and desire is that all of my perishable estate consisting of cattle horses hogs sheep household and kitchen furniture plantation tools be sold by my executors either by private or public sale and the money arising after such sale after paying my debts to be divided between my three sons and grandson. Those mentioned lastly I constitute and appoint my son Josiah B. Watson and my friend Joseph Richardson executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th January 1815. Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of us
Robert Gully
Jesse G. Wall
John G. Gills

John Watson

Will of Mary Blackman

In the name of God Amen I Mary Blackman of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but of sound and disposing mind and memory but calling to mind the mortality of mankind and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I recommend my soul unto God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the direction of my surviving friends but as touching my worldly estate with which it hath pleased God to bless me I give and dispose of it in the following manner (to wit)

Item I lend to my mother Sabitha Blackman all my lands being 100 acres and all my personal estate of every kind during her lifetime.

Item I give and bequeath to my brother Edmund Blackman ten acres of land adjoining his own line near where his house stands to him and his heirs forever, further I will that if my mother decess before Adin Blackman come of age to take possession of the lands which will be legaced to him that Edmund Blackman have the care of the same untill he shall be of age.

Item I give and bequeath unto my sister Deborah son Adin Blackman all my lands tenements and hereditaments except the ten acres that is legaced to Edmund Blackman in the above to him and his heirs forever should he have any but if the said Adin Blackman should die without issue the said land and tenements to be equally divided between Edmund Blackman's two sons George and Daniel and their heirs forever. Further I give to the said Adin Blackman one bed and furniture and one cow to him and his heirs but if he dies without any the bed, furniture and cow shall rest in Fanna Blackman daughter of Stephen Blackman decessed and her heirs.

Item I give and bequeath unto Fanna Blackman daughter of Stephen Blackman decessed one heifer one wheel one chair and one skillet to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my sister Jemusha Blackman one dutch oven and one trunk to her and her heirs forever further I give to Jemusha Blackman one horse to her and her heirs provided she will maintain Fanna Blackman untill she is able to maintain herself and I do hereby constitute and appoint Bryan Smith