

they shall present such evidence as shall be sufficient to satisfy my eyes that they are the identical persons referred to in the will of the aforesaid Hardy Adams.

Signed sealed published and declared by me the testator as my last will and testament hereby revoking all former will the day and year above written.

Jesse Adams (Seal)

Johnston County Court

February Term 1852

Then was this will submitted to probate & hand writing and signature duly proven in open court and ordered to be recorded.

John H. Keneday clk.
by H. J. Bell assistant.

Will of Josiah Ogden Watson.

In the name of God Amen, I Josiah Ogden Watson of Johnston County North Carolina do make, publish and declare the following as my last will and testament - I wish my body in my family vault in the grave yard at Raleigh by the side of my deceased wife & daughter whom it pleased God, to call before me and as for my worldly estate and goods I dispose of them all as follows

Item 1 I have a brother John B. Watson in Alabama to whom I have already given all my estate real & personal in the States of Alabama & Mississippi & now I tend to him during his life my negro man Daniel the carpenter & Daniels wife Sarah sons Jim & Rockanna and infant Keelma with their increase born or to be born after the twentieth Nov 1850 and after the death of my said brother I give the said slaves and their increase to my brother Johns children share and share alike equally to be divided between themselves he should see fit by his will to distribute said slaves otherwise. I give my gold watch to my brother John.

Item 2 I have two plantations lying below Smithfield on New River known by the name of the Islands containing in the whole two thousand acres or more in two separate plantations there are on each plantation a number of slaves known as belonging to said plantations and all necessary tools stock ^{of said} &c &c now I do hereby give devise & bequeath all that part of said estate which I purchased of Daniel Boone & John Farmers heirs to wit mostly lying north of Pole Cat Creek called Austins plantation and all the slaves thereon with their increase born or to be born after 20th November 1850 (being somewhere between forty and fifty in number) and all the improvements, stock, farming tools & every thing belonging to it except the provisions and crops unto my nephews George W. Watson son of John B. Watson to have and to hold to him from the end of the year of my death for and during his natural life and at his death the same shall belong to in fee simple to his child or children, if he has any alive at his death or the issue of any child of said George W. Watson who may predecease the said George W. Watson, but if the said G. W. Watson should die without such issue living, at his death

the brothers and sisters of the said George W. Watson living at his death.

The other plantation it being that of said estate which lies on the south side of Pole Cat Creek and all the slaves thereon called Jordans plantation supposed somewhere between forty & fifty with these increase born or to be born after the 20th of November 1850 and all the improvements stock farming tools and every thing belonging to it except the provisions on hand & growing crops I devise and bequeath to William H. Watson & Henry B. Watson to have and to hold to them as tenants in common from the end of the year of my death y^r and during their natural lives and at the said William B. Watson his moiety shall belong to his children or child in fee simple at living at his death or the issue of any child of his who may predecease him and at the death of Henry B. Watson his moiety shall belong in fee simple to his child or children living at his death & the issue of any child who may predecease him if either the said William H. Watson or Henry B. Watson should die without such issue living at his death then & that case his share & moiety shall go along with the other share as a part of it & if they should both die without such issue living at their death all the said estate and property shall belong to George W. Watson & his heirs

Item 3rd I own lands in Johnston County on the west side of Neuse River called the Brooks & Lockart lands about 2,000 acres or more on which there are about fifty slaves or more belonging to said plantation & the said slaves and lands are in the occupancy of my half nephew Owen Lacy Dodd the said lands and slaves together with the stock working tools improvements crop provisions on hand & also a lot of land adjoining the City of Raleigh called the wool factory lot west of a line beginning at a deep ditch below the wool factory gate thence a straight line with said ditch to a point just below the gate on the Holliman Road containing 6 or 8 acres more or less I do hereby devise & bequeath unto my said half nephew Owen Lacy Dodd to have and to hold to him during his life and at his death the same shall belong in fee simple to his child or children if he has any alive at his death or the issue of any child of the said Owen L. Dodd who may predecease him but if the said Owen L. Dodd should die without such issue living at his death then the whole of the said estate & property shall belong to and be equally divided among the children

of his brother Dr Warren Dodd, who are or may be living without issue as aforesaid

I also devise in the same manner in every respect as the foregoing one undivided moiety of my mill on Neuse River mill seat & all improvements belonging to the said mills including mill race or canal and water privileges at the place my mill is erected in Johnston County and along with said moiety of the said mill I devise the privilege of getting timber for the saw mill from all my lands adjoining but I do not devise the lands themselves and I do further bequeath Owen L. Dodd forty shares of the stock in the North Carolina Rail Road Company which was subscribed for in my name provided he will pay such installments as remain unpaid on said 40 shares at my death the stock he is to own absolutely & unless he pays the balance owing at my death on said 40 shares of stock he shall not have them but the property herein given to him shall be charged with the balance provided that this notice of said subscription for said stock is not to be taken as any acknowledgement of mine that I owe said company as probably I shall resist this right to demand payment of me at all.

Item 4th I give devise and bequeath unto Thomas Puffin son of Col T. L. G. Puffin and to his heirs and assigns the following estate and property to wit Old Phillis, big Charles, Cullin and Phillis his wife, Moores and his wife Eliza & all of Elizas children Richard, Emily, Susan & Ellen, Mason & his wife Caroline son George Hubbard, whereby three daughters Jerry, Cynthia & Maria, old Gabe and his wife Venus and all their children, Lillian, Katharine Syphronia, Jonas, Siena meaning all the children that has or will be born in the above family also all the slaves living at the Gully place called Scotts or the Gully plantation now residing there being about 25 in number with all the crop stock tools provisions and every thing else belonging to said plantation also if those negroes named & set apart should not make up fifty in number then I wish my executors to make up the deficiency by adding to them. Also one half of all my household & kitchen furniture and other property except slaves which are at my Opharons residence not intending however to include state bonds choses in action nor money. Also the my half in the lands in Wake County or which I have

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I am in Wake County to be laid off on the west-side and so as to include the said half my residence called ~~Sharon~~ to have and to hold to him the said Thomas Ruffin Esq, & his heirs upon trust for his sister Peninah W. Ruffin as follows (to wit) that the said Peninah W. Ruffin shall have to her sole & separate use without the control of any husband she may hereafter marry the profits of said estate and property during her life and upon the further trust that at her death the said estate & property shall be equally divided amongst the children of said Peninah W. Ruffin if any who may survive her absolutely but if any child of ~~hers~~ should die before her leaving issue to survive said Peninah then and in that case such grand child shall take the share of its deceased parent. And upon the trust that if the said Peninah should die without leaving any such issue alive at her death then and in that case the aforesaid property & estate shall be divided equally amongst the brothers & sisters of the said Peninah who may out-live her yet the shares of her sisters shall in that case be conveyed to them by the said trustees as separate property free from the controul, of their husbands. And that no part of my intention so secure the said estate & property to my niece Peninah W. Ruffin may be frustrated I do hereby devise & bequeath that if from any cause whatever the legal estate should fail to vest in the trustee aforesaid or if he refuses to act or dies my executor shall have said property conveyed under the advice of a court of equity or for himself (chosen in the law) in such a way & manner as will carry into effect my purpose viz to settle the said property and estate upon Peninah W. Ruffin for her sole & separate use and afterwards to her children & issue & next kin as aforesaid. Also devise and bequeath in the same manner in all respects for the term of ten years from this date the Gully or Scott plantation in Johnston County whereon the slaves given to her reside.

Item 5. I give to Col Thomas Ruffin of Goldsboro one of my executors my negro man Green son of Nancy in addition to any legal service rendered.

Item 6. I give to George W. Haywood Esq, of Raleigh one of my executors my negro man Samuel son of David in addition to any legal service rendered.

Item 7. I give to James B. Shepard Esq my negro man Ezekiel, son of Nancy now at my river plantation.

Item 8 I give to my old kinsman John Watson of Buckhorn Wake County my negro boy Stanley son of Edna now at the river plantation.

Item 9 I give to Miss E. C. Haywood & her sister Frances Haywood daughter of the late Sumner Haywood my slaves Sophia & Parisiens and such issue as they now have or may have after this date.

Item 10 Miss Betty Haywood, eldest daughter of the Hon. William H. Haywood, to my negro woman Clemley daughter of Kicey and such issue as Clemley now have or may hereafter have. I also give her my man slave Jerick now at Pineville & he is the husband of Kicey Barks a slave belonging to her father.

Item 11 I hereby direct my executor to give to Josiah Watson Gully a college education and the reasonable and necessary expenses thereof I charge upon my estate. This however is a benevolence to my namesake which he is not to claim or be entitled to have unless his conduct should be honorable and moral and therefore I leave it discretionary with my executor, and acting upon their determination I make young Gully right to his (proportion) provision dependant upon their discretion or that of a majority should they disagree.

Item 12 I give my small carriage & harness and a pair of hoes called Petersburg & Raleigh to Dr Richard S. Mason.

Item 13 The houses and lots I own in copartnership with John Buffaloe (viz) all my interest in these I devise to be sold and the proceeds of said sale & all rent due on them I direct my executor to pay to the vestry and wardens of Christ Church Raleigh or to such persons as may be appointed trustees of the protestant Episcopal Church or congregation at Raleigh for the purpose of building a steeple or tower to the new church edifice.

Item 14 My interest namely my share in the new edifice I devise as follows to J. W. B. Watson, Peninah W. Ruffin, George W. Watson, Thomas Ruffin my executor & nephew L. D. each one a few each.

Item 15 I hereby bequeath to my friends William H. Haywood & George C. Badger Esq, four thousand dollars out of my state bonds in trust that they will invest the same in some stock and and cause the interest to be so applied forever as a fund to employ a teacher

of a parish school for Christ-Church Raleigh with the right and privilege to pay over the said five thousand dollars into the hands of trustees to be appointed by the congregation of Christ-Church Raleigh for the purposes aforesaid and I hereby request them to see this trust fund is so secured & protected as to effect the charity hereby intended they acting with the concurrent approbation of the vestry & wardens of Christ-church Raleigh on the premises.

Item 6 Lastly all the rest and residue of my property, estate real and personal not herein named and hereby disposed of with effect-I do hereby devise and bequeath as follows after paying my just debts legacies and funeral expenses and the charges in settling of my estate & executing this will. I give the whole unto my nephew John W. B. Watson to have and to hold to him & his heirs for and during the term of his life and at his death the said estate both real and personal shall belong to such child or children of the said J. W. B. Watson as may be living at his death or the issue of any child who may predecease him. And if the said John W. B. Watson should die without issue living at his death then the said estate both real and personal shall belong in fee simple & be equally divided amongst George W. Watson William H. Watson Henry B. Watson and Ellen L. Dodd & their heirs forever.

not signed by 1852
 the copy of the will duly from in open
 and by the acts of J. W. B. Watson and Henry B. Watson
 John W. B. Watson & Henry B. Watson

I nominate and appoint Geo. W. Haywood Esq. Wm. B. Watson Esq. George Washington Watson & O. L. Dodd executors of this my last will. And I do hereby revoke all other wills by me made heretofore. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 15th March 1852

J. O. Watson Seal

Published and declared as his last will in our presence by J. O. Watson and by him in his presence and at his request.

J. DuBoe
George W. Woodica.
It is my wish and desire that the present crop now planting may be completed & no devices and legacies paid out until 1st January 1853 where I wish each plantation to be allowed the full years support of provisions out of what they make.
J. O. Watson Seal
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Will of George Boyett

In the name of God Amen I George Boyett of the State of North Carolina and Johnston County being in perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this the tenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following revoking and annulling all other will or wills by me made or intended

First I lend unto my beloved wife Samary Boyett the land and plantation whereon I now live containing 350 acres including my houses and plantation during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage to belong to my son Larkin Boyett to him and his heirs forever.

I also lend unto my beloved wife Samary Boyett during her natural life or widowhood one negro woman named Bibbie all my household and kitchen furniture consisting of feather beds bedsteads and furniture chairs, tables, pots, pewter, earthen ware tubs spails knives and forks and all other articles considered to be household and kitchen furniture one bay mare by the name of Charlot one cow and calf two ewes and lambs one sow and pigs all my crop now growing of all kinds all my provisions on hand during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage to belong to my beloved son Larkin Boyett to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my beloved daughter Penelope Hooks the sum of one dollar.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Sally Jones the sum of one dollar.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Lanny Boyett the sum of one dollar.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Lanny Boyett the sum of twenty five dollars

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son James Boyett at my death if living one negro boy named Alfred to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Martha Britton one negro girl named Margaretta to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Larkin Boyett two negroes named Caroline & James Henderson to him and his heirs forever.