

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 commend 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 decease 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 deceased and her heirs.

Item I give and bequeath unto Fanna Blackman daughter of Stephen Blackman deceased 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

my executor of this my last will and testament in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 18th day
of June in the year of our Lord 1813. Signed sealed published
and declared in the presence of us

Mary H. Blackman (seal)

B. Ingram
David H. Smith
Sarah H. Smith

Will of Hardy Batton

In the name of God Amen I Hardy Batton of the County of Johnston
being at this time sick but calling unto mind my life I
consider that it is appointed for all men to die have thought
proper to make my last will and testament in manner and form
as follows first it is my will and desire that my loving wife
Pasia Batton I give my bed, bedstead and furniture also I give her
two sows also I give four two year old hogs also I give her one
bay mare also I give five shoats also I give her two basins also
I give her three punch bowls also I give her six goshen plates
also I give her one case of knives and forks also I give her one
pot also I give her one dutchoven also I give her one spinning wheel
and cards also I give her two axes and also I give her my part
of the cattle that I have on stock also I give her as many of my
sheep as she wants also I give her all my cotton also I give her
her years provisions this I give to her her natural life and her
widowhood and after her life or widowhood to my two children
their heirs and assigns forever and the rest of my property I leave
to be sold to the highest bidder and leave for my executors
Abraham Batton and Nathaniel Futrell to settle my estate this
is the 16th day of January in the year of our Lord 1815.

Witness
William H. Starling
Lorey H. Starling

Hardy H. Batton (seal)

Johnston County February term 1815

Then was the above will exhibited in open court for
probate which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded
B. Sanders Cllk.