

my well beloved son Daniel and my well beloved daughter Susannah being except  
Negro child which I desire to be at her disposal either before or at her death and I  
herely constitute and appoint my well beloved son Daniel Dees to be my sole ex-  
ecutors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed my seal the day and year first mentioned.

The words of his Statute

In witness of us

Wm Redham Bryan

John Hatcliff

William James

Johnston Nov 2 1770

These words this will proven in due form of Law in  
open Court by the oaths of Wm Redham Bryan & Wm James  
two of the witnesses subscribers hereto Test Jm Redham CLK

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William Watson's Will

I William Watson of Johnston County and province of North Carolina and parish of  
St Stephens being weak and sick but of perfect mind and memory sheweth to God  
for the some calling to mind that it is once appointed for all man once to die  
I recommend my soul to God who gave it to me and my body to the earth to be buried  
or interred according to the direction of my Will To come I shall appoint hereafter

I will and bequeath to my brother Thomas Watson my new Suit of clothes Coat, jacket  
& breeches my hat and silver cups

I will and bequeath to my brother James Watson a blue coat and a red jacket

I will and bequeath to my dear mother a red stuffer yeowling

I will and bequeath to my dearest beloved wife Elizabeth Watson my riding  
horse bridle and saddle and one young horse and all my cattle and hogs  
only them that is fit for sale

I will and bequeath to my child that my wife is big of if it a boy to be called  
William after my name all my land for ever or if it is a girl for it to  
inherit the same in the same manner only my wife to live on it all the  
child comes at age boy or girl and all the rest of my personal estate  
after my funeral expenses and just debts is paid all the rest of my estate  
that is left to my wife hogs and cattle and all my house hold goods to  
be equally divided between my wife and child only the hogs and cattle that  
is fit for sale and further if my child should not live be it male or female  
then my land I will and leave and bequeath to my brother John Watson and his  
heirs forever, I will and bequeath my dearest beloved wife Elizabeth Watson my whole  
and sole Executor along with my son Daniel James Watson as witnesses my hand  
this 3rd day of September 1764

John Drispa  
Mary Drispa  
John Watson

William Watson Seal  
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Robert West Will

In the name of God Amen I Robert West of the County of Johnston and  
State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but thanks be to God of  
sound and perfect mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed for  
all men once to die do make and declare this my last will and testament in  
manner and form following Viz- First I give and recommend my soul to God  
who gave it trusting in his mercies and in the merits of my dear Redeemer  
for remission of all my sins Desiring that my body may be disposed of  
of in Christian burial and to such temporal estate as God hath blessed  
me with I give and bequeath and dispose of in the following manner

I give and bequeath to my son James West Twenty shillings specie money

I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Esther Thomas One Horse Bridle, Saddle

I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Jerusha Johnson one Cow and calf

I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Elizabeth Johnson one Cow and calf

I give and bequeath to my son in law Henry Johnson Eight head of cattle  
six deep pewter plates two of my best pewter Basons and one goats bed.

And my will is that the remainder of my house hold furniture and hogs  
be equally divided between all my other children not yet named Viz-  
Amy Joiner, Debby Johnson, Nathaniel West Patience Maurice I shall have  
and I do hereby appoint my son in law Henry Johnson Executor of this my last  
will and testament and I do hereby disannul all former wills by me  
made declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament. Signed  
Sealed in the presence of

R. Rivers } Henry Johnson  
John Paul } Deaf as of 1770  
Robert West Seal  
his  
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Edith Lipsitt's Will

In the name of God Amen - I Edith Lipsitt of the State of North Carolina and County of  
Johnston being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory  
sheweth to God for the some and calling to mind the mortality of my body and  
knowing that it is appointed for all once to die do make and ordain this in-  
strument to contain my last will and testament in manner and form following  
I give and bequeath to my friend William Beard for his kindness to me in  
my affliction the whole of my property let it consist of whatsoever nature  
or kind it be with all my wearing apparel (except fifty Cents) to him  
and his heirs forever

I give to William Spenser my son in law Fifty Cents to him and his heirs forever  
Test by I constitute and nominate and appoint my friend William Beard my  
Executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this 17th day of August 1771 Edith Lipsitt Seal  
his  
mor

Robert Hood Deaf Deaf  
Seal of North Carolina of Aug Term 1771  
Johnston County I shew was the Executor of the late Edith Spenser in open Court by the oaths of  
Joseph Spenser and Dr. Records Robert Clerk