

Will of Willis Watson

In the name of God Amen I Willis Watson of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory blessed be God to make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following (to wit)

- Item^{1st} I desire that all my just debts be speedily be paid
 Item^{2nd} I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth three hundred and seventy five acres of land known by the name of the Longford Place during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided between her two children Rachel and Henry and a horse called Mousetrap and a mare called the Soap Selly six cows and calves and two hundred dollars in money to build a house one saddle and bridle one woollen wheel and one pair of cards and one third part of all the property due from her fathers estate two negroes George and Nancy and one fine chest to her and her heirs forever. Also one years support for herself and family to be allotted by my executor.

- Item^{3rd} I give and bequeath to my son William H. Watson one hundred acres of land on the north side of Neuse River near the town of Smithfield as may be known by reference to a deed from Thomas Kenan and wife also two hundred and eight acres of land on the South side of Neuse River deeded by Bryan Whitfield and Reubin Sanders opposite the town of Smithfield also the following town lots in the town of Smithfield (to wit) numbers six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven and twelve including all my town improvements in said town also ten negroes (to wit) Mary, Wiley, Phoebe, Steven, Dempsey, Hannah, Olive, Mackin, John and Elkin two cows and calves all my flock of sheep ten head of geese and my shot gun one iron bound trunk known as my trunk with a double E's key one bay filly known by name of Jewel half a dozen silver tea spoons marked R. W. W. one pair of sugar tongs one Brass kettle one stone pitcher and one bible and a prayer book and two sows and pigs

- Item^{4th} I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rachel Watson two negroes (to wit) Manning and Billy one feather bed one trunk and one third part of all the property due from her grandfather Barnaby Bulls estate two lots in the town of Smithfield of the numbers forty five and sixty five.

- Item^{5th} I give and bequeath unto my son Henry B. Watson two negroes (to wit) Cherry and Antony two lots in the town of Smithfield of the numbers forty six and sixty and one third part of all my property due from his ^{grand} fathers Barnaby Bulls estate and one cloth trunk

- Item^{6th} I give unto my three children above named to be equally divided between them all such property as I may hereafter be entitled to from my father John Watson deceased estate.

- Item^{7th} I give and bequeath unto my mother Roxahy Jones fifty pounds in money to be given her by my executors hereafter to be appointed as she may require it for her bodily support.

- Item^{8th} I give and bequeath unto Lydia McCallers two lots in the town of Smithfield numbers twenty six and twenty eight. All my property not herein willed away to be sold by my executors at publick or private sale as they may think best. I desire that the negroes herein willed to my son William H. Watson be settled in the place where I now live except Phanny Olive, Mackin, John, Elkin, Stephen and Dempsey, then to keep up a farm and stock under the direction of my executors for their own support and the benefit of Williams estate and I do hereby constitute and appoint my twenty friends Jacob Brakes William H. Bryan and Robert H. Holme executors to this my last will and testament for which I give each twenty pounds exclusive of commissions.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th of March A.D. 1815.

W^m Watson (Seal)

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Jno C. Gury
 N. W. Bryan
 D. Atkinson