

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Arthur Watson all the residue of that tract of Land which I purchased of Benjamin F. Blake after deducting the tract above described which I took off & gave to my son Thomas Watson, including my dwelling House and all other Plantations all by in the said County and included within the lines of the said of the said Blake to me which will more fully appear thereby, to him and his heirs for ever. Also a Negro man named Barley, one Bay Colt named Bradlock one Red & fawned two Cows and calves, two sows & Pigs to him and his heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Affrica Watson two Negro men Mingo and Jeffery, one Red and fawned two Cows and calves, two sows and Pigs. Also it is my desire that my Executors purchase and furnish the said Mingo and Jeffery with one good Crib and one Broad Ax and two saws and that the said Negro be hired annually as slaves. And in case the said Negro shall become unruly and disobedient my Executors are hereby empowered and authorized to sell the said Mingo and Jeffery and put the proceeds at interest for the benefit of my Daughter Affrica. Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter Affrica Watson one Bay Horse called the Cornish Mare a Side Saddle and Bridle, to have and to hold all the above described property given to the said Affrica to her and her heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my two Daughters Nancy Pore and Affrica Watson all my Lot and town property in the town of Newmarket in the said County to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs for ever.

Item It is my Will and desire all the residue of my property of every description shall be sold and after paying all my Just debts, be equally divided among my four above named Children Nancy Pore Thomas Watson, Arthur Watson, and Affrica Watson.

Item I have nominate, constitute and appoint my well beloved Brother Jordan Watson and son in Law John Pires of the said County to be Executors to this my last Will and Testament. Witness my hand and seal this 7th day of Decr. A.D. 1825. (Signed) Arthur Watson

Signed sealed declared and published before us by the Testator Arthur Watson to be his last Will and Testament the day and date first above written

(Signed) Benj. F. Blake

Edw. McCaskey

Bayton Boyett

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions  
Martin County } March Sessions 1826.

The foregoing Paper Writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Arthur Watson was produced in open Court by Jordan Watson of the date of the 7th day of Decr. A.D. 1825 and proved by the oath of Benjamin Blake one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto who swore that the Testator Arthur Watson was of sound disposing mind and memory at the time he saw him execute the same, that he signed the same with Edw. McCaskey and Bayton Boyett as subscribing Witnesses thereto. And Jordan, <sup>being</sup> at the same time came into Court and qualified as Executor to the same, and to execute the same according to the stipulations therein mentioned.

Attest Henry B. Horner Clerk  
Benj. F. Blake Deft.

In the Name of God, Amen!

I Silas Ballard of the State of North Carolina and leaving on the County of Martin being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this 1st day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five make and publish this my last Will and Testament in and no following that is to say.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary Ballard my Negro slaves also all my household and kitchen furniture also one yoke of Steers also all my flock of Hogs and Cattle also my two Horses together with my Crops of Corn to her for ever also I lend unto my beloved wife Mary Ballard during her natural life three Negro Males Fanny, Washington and Elston, & after her death to return in manner and form following I give and bequeath Washington to my brother Samuel Ballard's son Joseph Ballard to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath at the death of my Wife Mary and Fanny & Elston to be equally divided between Mary Ann Ballard Tracy Long Children & Isaac Ballard Children of my Brother Isaac's daughter Chelena then the legacy left to her when to return to my sister and Brother Children. And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend John J. Sherrod Executor of this my last Will and Testament, in Witness whereof I the said Silas Ballard have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal this day and bear above written. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Silas Ballard the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Witness (Signed) Qualling Borer

(Signed) Silas Ballard & Seal

Nathan Horton.

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Martin County } The Above Paper Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Silas Ballard was produced in open Court of the 7th day of November A.D. 1825 by Qualling Borer and Nathan Horton the subscribing Witnesses thereto and proved by them who swore that Silas Ballard the Testator was of sound disposing mind & memory when he signed the same and that they signed the said Will as Witnesses at the same time and on motion was ordered to be recorded.

Test Henry B. Horner Clerk  
Benj. F. Blake Deft.