

and devoted then the above Obligation to be paid and of no
Effect otherwise to remain in full and virtue

Legnd & delivered
in presence of
Stewart

Thos Beunter
Lem Jernston
Lem Burdick

In the Name of God Amen This twenty six day of January
in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and
Seventy five I Thomas Watson of Martin County in the
Province of North Carolina being in a low state of health
and Calling to Mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing
that it is appointed for all men once to die Do Make this
Ordaine Constitution & appoint this to be my last will and
Testament in Manner & form followinge ^{that is to say}
First & principally I recommend my soul to almighty God
that gave it me hoping to be saved through the only
Merits & Mediation of our blessed Lord & Saviour
Jesus Christ. And my Body I Commit to the Earth
from whence it was taken to be Buried in a Christianlike
and decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executors
hereafter named not doubting but at the General
Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the
Almighty Power of God. And as touching these
worldly goods & estate wherewith it hath pleased
God to Bless me with I Give & Bequeath & Dispose of them
in the following manner & form:

I will that all my Just debts & funeral Charges be
discharged in a convenient time after my decease
First I Give & Bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Mary Ann
Watson five hundred Sterling Money of Great Britain
I Give & Bequeath to my well beloved Son David Watson
four hundred Sterling Money of Great Britain
I Give & Bequeath to my well beloved Son Thomas Watson
three hundred Sterling Money of Great Britain
I Give & Bequeath to my well beloved Son David Watson
three hundred Sterling Money of Great Britain.

I Give & Bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Mary Ann
Watson five hundred Sterling Money of Great Britain
I Give & Bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Mary Ann
Watson five hundred Sterling Money of Great Britain
I Give & Bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Lydia Watson
three hundred Sterling Money of Great Britain
I Give & Bequeath to my well beloved Son William
Watson the First of Land & Plantations which one
I now live, one Bed & furniture, & bedstead with my
Pewter & two pots one three year old Stiffen & one
increased two stone jugs one larger Chub Kail
the rest of my Estate to him & his Heirs use —
I make ordain constitute & appoint William Watson
my Son my whole & sole joint Executor of this my
last will & Testament & I do hereby Revoke & Revoke
all former wills by me made if any such are
found Ratifying & Confirming this & the same to be
my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have
signed with my hand & fixed my seal the day
year first above written.

Signed sealed & delivered to be the last will and
Testament of the said Thomas Watson in the presence
of us

Nathan Mayo

his

Henry H. Clark

Mark

Thomas T. Watson

Mark

Martin County July Court 1776 then the above
Will & Testament of Thos. Watson was proved in open
Court by the oath of Nathan Mayo in due
form of Law. — No motion was made
to be recorded

Thos. Stewart