

North Carolina }
New Hanover, County }

Sept. April Court 1772

The within last Will and Testament, of David Williams was exhibited in open Court, and proved by the oath of Edward Denton a subscribing witness thereto, who swore that he saw the said David Williams, sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be and contain his last Will and Testament, and that to the best of his knowledge, the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that John Nines and Joel Allen signed as concurring witnesses to the same.

Wm. Clarendon. C. Cl.

North Carolina }
New Hanover, County }

In the name of God Amen. I, Jonathan Watson in the County and province aforesaid being weak, of body, but of perfect mind and memory, praise be given to Almighty God for the same, do make this my last Will and Testament, That is first and principally, I commit my soul to God who gave it, hoping that through the merits of the death and passion of my saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life; my body I commit to the earth to be buried according to the direction and discretion of my Executors hereafter named.

I will that all just debts and funeral charges be first paid. And that the plantation I now live on, and the mill, with three young mares of the breed of the horse Roger, is to be the property of Hannah Watson the daughter, of my brother, Joseph Watson. And that the residue of my estate be disposed of and divided between said Hannah Watson and her three sisters equally, named Hester Watson, Elizabeth Watson, Ann Watson, with the reservation of two negro women one named Samson and the other, Frank, to be the property of Joseph Watson as long as he lives, and to his wife after his death as long as she remains a widow, then equally to the children aforesaid.

And further I will that Ann Marshall shall have one Cow and calf, the Cow a black, with a white face, and to Mary Marshall a brown cow, with a yearling. And furthermore I order, and appoint my brother John Watson and Richard Playe, to be my sole and only Executors of this my last Will and Testament, &c. Dated this thirty first day of August one

thousand seven hundred and seventy two, 1772. And further
more I order my Executors to put these children of my brother
Joseph Watsons above named to school in the country, to learn
to read and write as much as necessary for their station.

Testes

Sam^l Blythe }
Sam^l Marshall }

Jonathan Watson Seal

At New Hamovee, October, County, 1772

The within last Will
and Testament, was proved on the oath of Sam^l Blythe, a sub-
scribing witness, who swore he said the said Jonathan Watson
sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be and contain his
last Will and Testament, and that at the time thereof, the testator
appeared to be of sound and disposing mind and memory, and
that Sam^l Marshall signed as concurring evidence thereto.
John Watson appeared and qualified as Executor to the said
Will agreeable to law. Ordered letters testamentary, if need
any.

John London. C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I, Joseph Watson
of North Carolina New Hamovee, County, being weak, of body but
in perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this my
last Will and Testament, that is to say, first and principally
I recommend my soul to Almighty God that gave it, and my
body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a christian bur-
iall, at the discretion of my executors hereafter named, as
touching my earthly inheritance which it has pleased God
to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of in the fol-
lowing manner, and force.
I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter,
Hannah Watson one shilling sterling, for the use of her, her
heirs and assigns forever.
I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter, Esther
Watson one shilling sterling for the use of her, her heirs and assigns forever.
I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter, Elizabeth
Watson one shilling sterling for the use of her, her heirs and assigns forever.
I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter, Ann Watson
one shilling sterling for the use of her, her heirs and assigns forever.
I give and bequeath to my two sons William and John Watson
this piece or parcel of land on which I now live, containing two
hundred acres more or less, and all my personal estate consisting
of horses, hogs, cattle &c. to be equally divided between them both, for