

I Samuel Black of the County of New Hanover in the State of North Carolina, do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, here by revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

I hereby constitute and appoint my daughter Mary E. Watters, sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary E. Watters, the profits derived from the services of all my slaves, the dividends arising from my Bank Stock, and the interest accruing on all bonds and notes belonging to my estate, excepting however the bond hereinafter referred to, to be held and enjoyed by my said daughter for the use and maintenance & support of her self, and the maintaining support and education of my two grand children Samuel Patton Watters and Sarah Ann Lillington Watters, until the said Sarah Ann Lillington Watters shall have attained the age of twenty one years.

I give and bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Black, the interest accruing on a certain bond made by St John's Lodge and Concord Chapter of Wilmington, now held by me, said interest to be held and enjoyed by my said sister during her life, and it is to be collected by my executrix and remitted to her semi annually.

I give and bequeath to my aforesaid daughter Mary E. Watters all my slaves, to be held by her during the minority of my grand children herein before named, and they may be worked or hired out as my said daughter may consider most beneficial to the interest of my estate, and I hereby authorize and empower my said daughter to sell and dispose of any one or more of said slaves should she deem it advisable so to do, and should it become necessary and manifestly to the interest of all interested in my estate, from the happening of any unforeseen circumstances, connected with slave property, that the whole of my slaves should be sold, I hereby authorize and empower my said daughter to sell and dispose of all of my slaves. It is however my wish and I do direct that my Driver Moses & his wife Phillis and her child should not be sold, but they must be kept together and should it become necessary sufficiently provided for during the life of said Moses.

Upon the arrival of my aforesaid grand daughter at the age of twenty one years, it is my will and I direct that the following division and distribution of my slaves, together with the Bank Stock, bonds and notes held by executrix as belonging to my estate be made, that is to say one third part of my slaves shall become the absolute property of my said daughter Mary

Walters, and the remaining two thirds of my slaves, together with all such bonds and notes as then constitute a part of my estate, be distributed between my two grand children Samuel Taylor Walters and Sarah Ann Lillingston Walters, in such shares and proportions as my daughter Mary E Walters shall by any paper writing whether in the nature of a deed or last will and testament have designated, appropriated or limited; and should my said daughter either by deed or by last will and testament fail to make such designation, appropriation or limitation as aforesaid, then and in that event said two thirds of my slaves, together with the bonds and notes belonging to my estate shall be equally divided between my said two grand children, the legal representatives of either of my said grand children who may have died, to be entitled to the same share which his or her parent would have been, if then living. My Bank Stock with the dividends arising therefrom to be held by my said daughter during her life to her exclusive use and benefit and upon her death is to be divided and distributed between my grand children aforesaid, or the legal representative of either of both of them should they or either of them be dead, in such shares and proportions as my said daughter by her last will & testament shall direct and declare, and upon her failure to make such disposition of said Bank Stock by her last will and testament that the same be in that event equally divided between my said grand children or their legal representatives as aforesaid, and I hereby authorize and empower my said daughter should she deem it advisable and prudent so to do, to convey the share or portion of my slaves, bonds and notes, and Bank Stock which she may designate and appropriate as aforesaid to my grand daughter Sarah Ann, or any part thereof, to a trustee or trustees to be held by him or them for the sole separate and exclusive use of my said grand daughter during her life and upon such other and further uses and limitations as my said daughter may deem proper.

Should my daughter under the previous provisions of this my last will, make sale of any one or more of all of my slaves, or should it be deemed by her advisable to collect any of my notes or bonds, she is hereby authorized and directed to invest the proceeds derived from the sale of slaves, and the proceeds of such notes and bonds as may be collected by her, together with such moneys derived from the profits of my slaves, dividends from Bank Stock and interest accruing on bonds and notes which shall not have been expended by her as provided in the first clause of this my will, in the purchase of Real Estate, Bank Stock or in loans upon sufficient security, and all such investments in the division and distribution of my estate are to be considered as belonging to the respective funds or kind of property from which said investments have been respectively made,

and the same are to be divided and distributed according to
 It is my will and I so declare, that my daughter Mary E. Watters
 shall not be held accountable for the profits derived from the
 services of my slaves, the dividends received from my Bank Stock
 or the interest accruing on notes and bonds, during the minority of
 my said grand children, beyond what shall be necessary for the
 maintenance and education of my said grand children, but
 it is my wish that the excess derived from these different sources
 beyond the amount expended by her for her own maintenance
 and support and the maintenance and education of my
 aforesaid grand children, should be invested by her for the
 benefit of those interested in my estate.

It is my will and I so direct,
 that in the division of my slaves to be made upon the maturity of my
 said grand children as hereinbefore set forth, my daughter may
 select from the whole number of said slaves any two she may wish
 to be taken by her as a part of her share of my slaves.

I give bequeath ^{and} devise all the rest and residue of my property
 whether the same be real or personal and wheresoever the same may
 be, unto my aforesaid daughter Mary E. Watters, to her and her
 heirs, executors administrators and assigns forever.

In the event of the death of my said daughter during the
 minority of my aforesaid grand children, I constitute and app-
 oint Mr. Joseph Watters, the paternal grand father of my aforesaid
 grand children, executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I the said Samuel Black have to
 this my last Will and Testament subscribed my name and
 affixed my seal this the ninth day of July A.D. 1847

Sam^l Black. (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, published and
 declared to be his last will & testament
 by the aforesaid Samuel Black, in our
 presence (the word "events" on the second
 page, and the words "before" and "to" on the
 third page interlined before the execution
 hereof) John Wooster
 Wm. A. Wright

State of North Carolina
 New Hanover County Clerk June Term 1851

This paper writing was exhibited by Mary E.
 Watters as the last will & testament of Sam^l Black and was in due
 form of law proved to be such by the oath of Wm. A. Wright, one of the
 subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon it was considered by the court that the
 same is the last will & testament of the said Sam^l Black and a decree

to probate as such and ordered to be recorded & filed.

Whereupon Mary E Watters the executrix therein named came before the Court and was duly qualified as executrix thereof. Ordered that letters testamentary issue to her as executrix aforesaid.

Teste

L H Mars Teller CLK
by Saw Dickson By Clerk

I Labon Peterson ~~Peterson~~ of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament, in the manner and form following, that is to say. First That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts out of any moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 2nd I give and devise to my beloved wife Margaret Peterson three hundred & two acres of land, it being the tract of land where on I now live, containing my house and plantation, to have and to hold to her the said Margaret Peterson for and during her natural life in satisfaction for her & in lieu of her dower & third of my lands. Also, my two negroes viz Sam & Harriet for & during her natural life, and after her death I give Sam to my son Moses Peterson and Harriet to my daughter Priscilla Ann Williams and the children born of her body, the increase of Harriet I reserve during my life. I also give to my wife Margaret three Cows & Calves (her choice) one Yoke of Oxen and Cart, one horse, bridle & saddle, three yews & lambs, two sows and pigs, six year old Hogs, two stocks Bees, one third part of my house hold and kitchen furniture for and during her life and after her death to my daughter Eliza beth Jane Drew wife of Anthony Drew.

Item 3rd I give and devise to my daughter Mary Corbitt heirs ^{the sum} one dollar.

Item 4th I give and devise to my daughter Susan Corbitt one feather bed and furniture.

Item 5th I give and devise to my son William Peterson a negro boy named Lawlip.

Item 6th I give and devise to my son Timothy Hatcher Peterson one dollar.

Item 7th I give and devise to my son Aaron Peterson One hundred acres of land called the reedy shock lands, adjoining the lands of R E Murphy and others, said piece or parcel of land contains one third of my land and was deeded to him some years ago.