

doth give to his wife Sophia for her use during
his natural life and the personal estate that
shall be left is to be equally divided betwixt
all his Children by his wife Sophia. and that
he the said Thomas King doth agree to and
with the said Isaac Edger that he the
said Thomas King shall not sell the land
nor molest her the said Sophia in the
peaceable possession thereof nor claim nor
make use of any part of his moveable
estate and the said Thomas King doth
hereby empower the said Isaac Edger
to see that the said agreement be principally
performed then this obligation to be and
else remain in full force & Virtue
Teste

Archibald Barron Junr

John Duke

Thomas King
Isaac Edger

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In the name of God Amen I Josiah Watts of the
County of Orange & State of North Carolina
Merchant, being weak in Body but of sound mind and
perfect memory thanks be to God for his mercies and
unbounded goodness towards me, and calling to
mind the certainty of Death, and not knowing the
day or hour when it shall please God to call
me from this Stage of Action and willing to settle
my worldly affairs in such manner as to hinder
any disputes that may or might hereafter arise
of or concerning the disposal of the same, do make
constitute, & ordain this my last will and testament
in manner and form following—

Imprimis My Soul I bequeath to Almighty
God who gave it trusting and relying in him for
pardon and forgiveness of my sins thro the merits
and intercession of my redeemer Jesus Christ the
righteous, my body to be committed to its mother
Earth to be entred in a decent and Christian like
manner at the discretion of my Executors
I will and desire that all my lawfull Debts should
be duly discharged and payed off, and to that
end do request and desire constitute and appoint
my loving brother Thomas Watts of County and
State aforesaid & John Grant Purcher of County
and State aforesaid my Executors to this my last
Will and testament and in order to enable them

to settle and pay off all demands that may
come against me, to take unto their possession
all my books of Merchandise to wit one set of
Books titled Courtney & Watts in partnership
another my own accounts, & another set Watts
& Lytle in partnership, which said three sets
of Books are now in possession of William Lytle
Esq. together with sundry goods unsold and
not accounted for also sundry Bonds &
notes of mine in his possession all which said
Books my Executors to have properly stated &
settled as that Justice may be done to all
my Creditors as far forth as they shall extend
after all lawful debts are duly discharged the
residue of my estate both real and personal
to be equally divided between my loving Wife
Susannah & my loving Daughter Susannah
also a sum of money due me in South Carolina
to be equally divided between them. In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal
this fourth day of July one thousand seven hundred
and Eighty Eight making null and void all
former Wills and Testaments or Instruments of
writing acknowledging this as my only last
will and Testament

Signed Sealed Acknowledged &
provenance this my last Will
and Testament In presence of
the Subscribing Testifiers
Vincent P. Williamson
William Courtney Esq.

Watts Esq.

In the name of God Amen this first day
of July 1788 I Thomas Seares being in my perfect
sense and memory make this my last will and
Testament first of all my sole unto god who gave
it, and my body to be decently buried at the discretion
of my Executors, first of all I lend unto my beloved
wife Elisabeth Seares all my Estate both real and
personal during her natural life or widowhood
and if she should die before before my Son William
comes to the age of twenty one years for the whole
of my Estate to be kept together until he arrive to that
age, and if my Daughter Elisabeth lives single to have
in place of abidance on the plantation until my Son
William arrives to the age of twenty one years, and if
my wife should die before William comes of age
she and her children to live on the plantation
with Elisabeth Seares till her decease. It is my Will
and desire after my wife's decease for my Son
William Seares to have my Land, I give unto my son
Joseph twenty pounds in money likewise I give to my
Daughter Mary Seares twenty pounds it is my
will and desire that my Negroes be equally divided
among the rest of my children to wit Thomas, Elisabeth
John, Henry and William, last of all I appoint my
wife Elisabeth Seares my sons Thomas & John Seares my
executors to this my last will and Testament witness my
hand & seal this 1st day of July 1788

Signed Sealed In the presence of
William Glenn Esq.
Henry Seares Esq.

Thomas Seares Esq.