

Thomas, Hadley,

Surry County May Court 1781.

Simon Hadley and Thomas Hadley two of the subscribing
Subscribing Witnesses to the last will and Testament of
John Watcome Junr and made oath that they saw the S.
John Watcome sign pronounce & declare the same to
be his last will and Testament, testified by

Jo. Williams Clk

In the Name of God amen I James Charles
of Surry County and State of N Carolina being of sound
mind and disposing memory and calling to mind
my Mortality that it is appointed to man to die do
make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament
in manner and form following that is to say I promise
first I resign my soul to god who gave it me through the
Mediation of Jesus Christ my Savior and my Body to
the Dust, to be Buried in a decent manner at the discretion
of my Executors and to prevent Disputes after my decease
about my Estate I will that it be disposed of as follows Item
I will that all my Debt and funeral Charges be paid
and discharged by my Executors herein after named
Item I bequeath my beloved wife Sarah Charles
all my Estate of every kind real and personal during
her natural life or Widowhood but in Case my
wife should marry or die then I will that my Estate
Equally divided amongst my nine Children viz.
Olive Charles Mary Charles Francis Charles Joel
Charles Martha Charles Sarah Charles Nancy
Charles Israel Charles John Charles lastly I do
constitute and appoint my son Olive Charles &
and William Sellum Executors to this my
Last will and Testament signed with my hand

hand sealed with my seal this fifth day of December one thousand ¹⁷⁴⁶
seven hundred and twenty seven James Charles. (Seal)

Signed Sealed published & declared
to be the last will and Testament
of James Charles in presence of

William Hill

William Hubbert

John Halbert.

Surry County May Court 1731.

John Halbert one of the subscribing Witnesses to the
Last Will and Testament of the said James Charles
and made oath that he saw the s^d. James Charles
assign publish & declare the same to be his
Last will and Testament Verified by

Jo. Williams, C. C.

In the Name of God Amen, I William Smith
of the County of Surry and State no. Carolina being in
perfect mind and Memory thanke be given unto God and
knowing it is appointed for all men once to die to make and
order this my Last Will and Testament first it is desired that
my Buriall be at the Discretion of my Executors and as touching
such worldly Estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me
in this life I give devise and Dispose of the same in the
following manner, and form, First I lend to Elizabeth my wife
all that parcel of Land which I now possess out of which is to be
raised all my young Children after which if any Overplus be
should arise that part is to be for my son Samuel, which Land
with the Appurtenances therein to possess only during her life