

WILL OF
THOMAS WATSON

In the name of God Amen

I Thomas Watson being afflicted in body but of sound mind memory and understanding (for which I desire to feel thankful to a kind Heavenly Father) -- Do make this my last will and testament in manner following.

1st My Will and desire is that all my just debts be paid as soon as practicable after my death; and for that purpose direct that what is due to me be collected, The Land whereon I live and adjoining The three negroes I bought of W. H. Gaillard and such of my Tools, stock or other personal Estates be sold as with what is due pay my debts and buy a Small Farm in Pickens District--The sales to be on such terms and at such times as my qualified Executor or Executrix may think most expedient.

2^d My Will and desire is and I so Devise and bequeath, That ~~my dear wife~~ Melinda C. Watson Select ~~a small~~ Farm in Pickens or wherever she with the advise of my Executor may think best to make it Her Home to raise our Children on and for this purpose my Will and desire is that she have the use and controul of all my real and personal Estates not directed to be sold during her widow-hood and the minority of my children

3^d My Will and desire is and I so herein direct Devise & bequeath that my Children be given good English Educations at least & Taught Industrious habits and Moral & Religious principles & my desire is that they be taught that this is my dying injunction and when the Eldest arrives at age if He desire a division be made of the personal Estates & all my Lands in Pickens except the Farm whereon my said Wife shall live--and such property as

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4th In case my said Wife M. C. Watson should marry again my will and desire is that all my Estates be sold by my Executor and that the proceeds be divided giving the said M. C. Watson an Equal part with my children living at such intermarriage -- and the balance put to interest and paid to my children as they shall come to lawful age

5th I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved
Wife Executrix and my dear friend and brother Joseph Grisham
to Execute this my last Will and Testament.

Witnefs my hand and seal this nineteenth day of September
in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty
two--

This Last will and)	
Testament signed)	Thomas Watson (SEAL)
Sealed & published by)	
the Testator as His last)	
Will in our presance who were)	
called on to witnefs the same)	
in his presence & in preseance)	
of each other)	

Mary L Grisham

Daniel Wiseman

Robert A. A. Steele

COBICIL

Upon further reflection if it should be in the power of my
Executors to pay all my debts without Selling my Farm where on
I live, I leave it to their discretion, to act and what best
promote the interest of my Wife and children. Witnefs my hand
and seal this 8th day of November 1842 In presence of us

Thomas Dickson)	Thomas ^{his} X Watson (SEAL)
M. T. Miller)	mark
delphia Herndion)	

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John Martin, O.A.D.