

JAMES WATSON - DIED 1828
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I James Watson of the County of Louisa, do make this my last will and testament revoking all others by me heretofore made. I give & devise to my sons David & George and their heirs forever, all my Green Spring lands, to be divided between them as follows; by a line beginning at a marked post oak, which is now a side line between Col^d. Morris & myself, & stands in the middle of the Carolina road, about one hundred yards above the upper corner of Col^d. Morris' Springs plantation; thence from the said post oak by a straight line to several persimmon trees in the mouth of the lane now leading to my mill; thence down the middle of the lane by a straight line to Hudsons creek; thence up the middle of the creek to the mill dam; thence along the mill dam to the east end thereof; thence up the side of the mill pond at high water mark to a sweet gum marked which stands near high water in the first valley that comes into the pond above the dam; thence from the said marked sweet gum, eastward, up the valley, to a marked white oak which stands a few yards out side of the plantation, and on the north side of said valley, and near to a sloping pine & white oak which almost touch each other; thence from the said white oak by a straight line to a post oak marked, which stands about thirty steps west or north west from the upper corner of the plantation in which my overseer Mr. Gooch now lives, with several trees near it marked as pointers; thence from the said post oak, by a straight line, to the river, at a tall slim marked poplar & a black gum, on the bank of the river, at the mouth of a deep valley, which makes into the river about one hundred & fifty, or two hundred yards, below Captain Cheeverings plantation, and where the river runs close to the hill on this the south west side. All the upper part of my said land I give to my son David, and all the lower part to my son George; but both their parts to be subject to the following provision for their mother, if she should survive me, I lend to my wife Elizabeth, during her life, the place on which I now live with all my lands adjoining it, lying below a line which shall begin at a marked white oak on the west bank of the river, opposite to the lower part of Mr. Houtchesons plantation, and thirty or forty yards, or some where about that distance, below where the line between the land I bought of Andrew Moorman & the land I bought of James Bunch struck the river; thence from the said white oak westwardly by a straight line across Hudsons creek to an old mulberry tree in what is called the Horse shoe in my Hard bargain field; thence by another straight line westwardly, crossing the creek again in the plantation, and thence through the woods to a forked poplar, near the east bank of said creek, & just above the ford, near the lower corner of the field

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now called Milly's field; thence from the said forked poplar up the Creek, the Creek being the line, to the mill, and up the mill pond, the channel of the Creek being the line, to where Hudson & Moorman's line used to cross the pond; thence westwardly along the said Hudson's & Moorman's line to M^{rs} Morris' line. All my said land below this line, on both sides of the river, I lend to my wife Elizabeth during her life. My mill, with four acres of land, two at one end of the dam, & two at the other, to be laid off in convenient form for abutments, digging dirt &c. I give to my sons David & George & their heirs forever, but I lend the said mill & four acres of land, to my wife during her life. All the rest of my lands not already herein devised to my sons, I give & devise to be equally divided between my daughters Sally, Rubney, Polly, Minor, & Nancy Morris, to them and their heirs forever. All the negroes with their increase which my children have heretofore, (that is, previous to the date of this will,) received from me, are to be considered as given to them, & I herein ratify the gift to them respectively; but my son David is to account to my estate at my death for five hundred dollars, on account of young Hannah & her children which I gave him some years ago. I more over give to my son George my negro man Joe & his wife Franky & all her present & future increase; and also young Jenny, daughter of Harry, at Gold mine, & her present & future increase. And I more over give to my daughter Sally, Rubney one negro boy of common likelihood, between the ages of fifteen & twenty years, if I do not give her such an one hereafter in my lifetime. I lend to my wife during her life old Bow & his wife old Hannah, and her choice of twenty two negroes more, one half to be males & the other half females, three of the males not to exceed fourteen years old & three of the females not to exceed the same age, when they may be chosen by her; & if any of the females, at the time they are chosen by her, shall have a child or children under the age of six years, such child and children shall remain with my wife, if she please, for her use, during her life. And I authorised my said wife to sell, with the consent of my other executors or executor, any of the negroes I lend her, in case of misbehaviour; the money arising from the sale, to be laid out in other negro or negroes for her use, or put out to interest for her use, as my executors may think best. The principal to be disposed of, at her death in the same way as the negroes would have been, if not sold. I also give her to be her own property,

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my best riding Carriage, and all my waggons, Carts, & all other plantation Tools & utensils belonging to me on my plantations in this the Green Spring neighborhood, and all my house hold and Kitchen furniture, and all my hogs in this neighborhood, and her choice of ten horses, four yoke of oxen, fifty cattle and fifty sheep. I also give her all the crop of Corn, oats, hay, fodder, &c. which shall be made by my people on my plantations in this neighborhood the last year before the first division of my negroes is to take place after my death; and also, one third of the crop of wheat and tobacco that shall be made on said plantations the said year; and I also give her five hundred dollars cash, and the interest or dividends of all Bank stock, & other stock that I may own at the time of my death, during her life; and if the Bank should expire or the stock be redeemed during her life, the amount that may belong to my estate shall be vested in other stock, or put out to interest, as my executors shall think best, & the interest shall belong to my said wife during her life. My books I give to be equally divided between my sons David & George. All the rest & residue of my estate not herein already disposed of, I give to be equally divided amongst all my children; and also, all that part of my personal property which I have lent to my wife during her life, shall at her death be equally divided amongst all my children. I hereby appoint my sons David & George executors, and my wife Elizabeth executrix to this will, made & signed by me this twenty ninth day of October one thousand eight hundred & twenty, and acknowledged & published in presence of witnesses

Pleasant Hackett
 Lud^w Bramham
 William R. Gooch

James Watson

In addition to the above will I give my son George twenty head of Cattle, two yoke of oxen one ox Cart and two work horses

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James Watson

In addition to the five hundred dollars given to my wife in the ninth line from the bottom on the third page of this will, I give her fifteen hundred dollars making the sum two thousand dollars, in fee simple; witness my hand this 7th of June 1823.

Test

James Watson

Elijah Hutchison
 William R. Gooch

At a Court of Quarterly Sessions held for Louisa County, at the Court house thereof on Monday the 11th day of August 1828. The will of James Watson proved by the oaths of Pleasant Hackett, Ludlow Bramham
 and

	Amount brought up	
Silas White	1 Pitcher	1
William Triple	1 Water & 2 Sattles	25
Silas White	1 Water & Contents	25
Fleming Wood	1 Water & Contents	25
John Fleming	2 pudding dishes &	10
Silas White	10 Bottles	10
Balding S. Macker	1 Britannia Coffee pot	75
Robert G. Suck	1 Set china	100
Dabney W. Waller	15 Wine glasses @ 3¢	45
Michael Sowder	2 tea/caddys	15
John M. Waller	2 Plateauers & 2 saucers	15
Garland J. Waddy	1 doz Silver table spoons	60
Joseph C. Pleasant	1 doz do Tea do	60
Dabney W. Waller	1 Run & Cantor	100
John Burris	Set of plates	50
John Coleman	14 plates	50
Fleming Wood	Set of dishes	50
Joseph C. Pleasant	3 dishes	150
Fleming Wood	2 dishes	10
Dabney W. Waller	1 Sideboard	20
Fleming Wood	1 Bed Furniture	220
Joseph C. Pleasant	1 Secretary	10
ditto do	1 Sorn	10
ditto do	1 Cof	30
do do	2 pair old Audinors	10
do do	1 chest	5
\$451.97 1/2		

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A true Copy from the original Sale book.

John O. Murrie

In Louisa County Court June 10th 1846.

The foregoing account of sales of the estate of Jordan Pleasant dec'd was this day returned, and by the Court ordered to be recorded.

Teste, John Hunter C.S.C.

In Louisa County Court November the 10th 1845.

Ordered that David Eastham, Christopher Valentine, William Cruton, Pleasant Mackell and Benjamin Perkins be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners (any three of whom, being first sworn to act, do divide the negroes of Majr James Watson dec'd, which were held by him and his wife Elizabeth Watson for life, among those who are entitled to them, according to their rights and that they make report thereof to this Court.

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Teste, John Hunter C.S.C.

Louisa County to wit;

This day David Eastham, Christopher Valentine, William Cruton and Benjamin Perkins made oath before me Pleasant Mackell a Justice of the peace

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for said County, that they would, to the best of their judgment execute the requirements of the within order.
Given under my hand this 2th day of December in the year 1845.

Chas. Hackett

In Obedience to the annexed report, we the undersigned, four of the Commissioners therein named, having been first duly sworn, have proceeded to divide by lot, the negroes of Major James Watson dec^d, which were held by his widow Elizabeth Watson for life, among those entitled thereto, by first dividing the said negroes into five lots as nearly equal, as a just regard to the situation of the negroes would justify, (it appearing that the said Major James left five children or their legal representatives, as follows):

Lot No 1

Jim	600.00
Mattley	575.00
Mary	250.00
Nelly and her children	
Nelson	
Sonnie	
John	650.00
Cupid	300.00
	<u>2375.00</u>
To pay	43.60

Lot No 2

Patrick	600.00
Dabney	575.00
Jordan	250.00
Sally & Rachael	275.00
Mary (boy)	275.00
Mary & it	
Rhoda & wife &	
Ann & Grandchild	350.00
	<u>2325.00</u>
To receive	6.40

Lot No 3

Abram	600.00
Peter	500.00
Pedro	275.00
Easter	400.00
Elyse	226.00
Matilda Hobbs	300.00
	<u>2295.00</u>
To receive	36.40

Lot No 4

Sam	600.00
George	475.00
Tom	275.00
Sarah	450.00
Jimmy	250.00
Andrew	300.00
	<u>2350.00</u>
To pay	18.60

Lot No 5

Joe	600.00
Dary	425.00
Maria	412.00
Fanny	225.00
	<u>2362.00</u>
Putty to be deducted	50.00
	<u>2312.00</u>
To receive	19.40

In the preceding allotment Dr. George Watson drew No 1, which is to pay forty three dollars & 60 cents. Mr Sally Dabney drew lot No 2, which is to receive six dollars and forty cents, Mrs Nancy Morris drew No 3, which is to receive thirty six dollars & 40 cents. The representatives of David Watson drew No 4, which is to pay eighteen dollars & 60. The representatives of Mrs Mary Minor drew No 5, which is to receive nineteen dollars & 40 cents, which last lot we then proceeded to divide into three lots as nearly equal as a just regard to

the negroes would permit, as follows - to wit

Lot N ^o 1			Lot N ^o 2			Lot N ^o 3		
B. M. McGunder	Joe	600.00	Jas. H. Kinsley	David	423.00	Mrs Julia Ann Holiday	Reuben	710.11
	Fanny	325.00		Maria	412.00		Anna William	330.11
		825.00		Netty to be deducted	837.00		Mourning	70.11
	To pay	54.33 1/3		To pay	787.00		To Receive	70.66 2/3
					16.33 1/3			

In which division Lot N^o 1 was drawn by B. M. McGunder, which is to pay fifty four dollars & 33 1/3 cents. Lot N^o 2 was drawn by Jas. H. Kinsley, which is to pay sixteen dollars & 33 1/3 cents, and Lot N^o 3 was drawn by Mrs Julia Ann Holiday, which is to receive seventy dollars & 66 2/3 cents.

Lot N^o 4, which was drawn by the Representatives of David Watson, we have not divided among those entitled, because of their number being so great, as in our estimation to render any thing like an equal division impracticable, all of which is respectfully submitted. Given under our hands this 20th day of December 1845.

William Butler
David Eastham
Benjamin Perkins
C. Valentine

In Dorset County Court May the 11th 1846.

A Division of the negroes of Majr James Watson dec^d which were held by his widow Elizabeth Watson for life, among those who are entitled to them, was this day returned and in the said Court the 8th day of June 1846. No exceptions having been filed to the said division, the same is by the Court confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste. John Hunter C. C.

Estate of Tho ^s Mallory dec ^d			by appt with Sarah Mallory Administratrix		
1845	Jabez Mapie	15 35	Quarles Goodwin		75
	Rich ^d A. Duke	23 26	Mrs Walton		3 05
	Peter Sim	" 37	Martha Cook		25
	Ruf ^d Swift	1 86	James R. Goodwin		1 87
	Henry Burnley	5 75	Mrs Perkins		46
	A. F. Ferrell	45 06	Mrs Loyal		7 74 1/2
	Ruf ^d Sharp	" 21	Andrew B. Phillips		45
	Thomas Diggs	7 75	George C. Strong		3 1/4
	S. D. Ferrell	1 52	Tho ^s Duke		16 1/2
	Edmund L. Hall	30 05	Francis Anthony		11 1/3
	Sam ^l Mallory	7 78	Augustine Parsons		9 51
	George W. Christman	61	Wingsfield Corby		14 14
	M ^r Spicer	30 16	Seightson Nicholls		6 10
	E. M. Galer	7 13	M ^r Waldo		16 2 1/4
	Adalaid Sim	1 10	Anderson Gentry		16
			H. S. Duke		20 34
					284 96 1/2