

Will, NC, Tryon, JAMES WATSON, 1771

In the name of God Amen

January 19th 1771

I, **JAMES WATSON**, of Tryon County North Carolina, being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be given to God, therefore, calling to mind mortality of the body and that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say:

PRINCIPALLY in first of all I give, recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again, returned to my soul, by the mighty power of God.

AND TOUCHING such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise and disposed of the same in the following manner and form.

FIRST I give and bequeath unto my son **WILLIAM [WATSON]** the sum of 5 shillings sterling money to be levied out of my estate

SECONDLY I give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter **SUSANNAH [WATSON]** five Shillings Sterling.

THIRDLY I give and bequeath unto my second daughter **ELIE [ALICE WATSON]** 150 acres of land that joins **THOMAS SKOOT's THOMAS SCOTT's** land. [m. **ROBERT ALEXANDER**]

FOURTHLY I give and bequeath under my third daughter **ELIZABETH [WATSON]** the sum of 5 Shillings Sterling money. [m. Colonel **JOHN WALKER**]

FIFTHLY I give him between some to my grandson **JAMES ??? WALKER** the sum of £10 of proclamation money to be levied out of my estate.

SIXTHLY I give and bequeath unto my grandson **THOMAS SKOOT [THOMAS SCOTT]** the whole money I have paid for him for which I have got a detachment for his land and some other things, all which I desire my executors to return to him if he first comes personally to enjoy them, if not, to be sold and equally divided amongst my legatees above-named **WILLIAM & ELIE**.

I do likewise make and ordain my son **WILLIAM WATSON** and **SAMUEL WATSON** to be the executors of this my last will and testament

And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments, Wills, legacies, requests, and executions, by me, in any wise before named, willed, and bequeathed ratifying in confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the year and day above written.

JAMES WATSON {seal}

Signed Sealed published pronounced and cleared by the said **JAMES WATSON** has his last will and testament in the presence of us

ROBERT ALEXANDER
VIOLET WATSON
SAMUEL WATSON

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