

**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

Case No. 43  
File No. 1824

**VIOLET WATSON** deceased  
**JOHN BERRY [BARRY]** administrator CTA  
1821

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**VIOLET WATSON's  
Will**

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I **VIOLET WATSON**, widow of **WILLIAM WATSON Sr.** of Fishing Creek, York County and State aforesaid, deceased, being directed by the last Will and testament of my husband **WILLIAM WATSON** aforesaid to leave the property, real and personal, left me by his said will to my sisters children, or some of them, therefore, in pursuance of the directions aforesaid, I do make this my last and testament in manner and form following:

FIRST, whereas **JOHN BERRY**, the son of **ROGER BERRY [BARRY]**, and **MARY BERRY [BARRY]**, the daughter of my sister **JANE ELLIOTT**, has been particularly kind and obliging to me in my old age, therefore I give devise and bequeath to the said **JOHN BERRY [BARRY]** the tract of land whereon I now and have since the death of my said husband lived to him and his heirs forever, and I do hereby enjoin it on the children of my two sisters herein after particularly named as legatees to suffer this devise to have the intended effect in favor of the said **JOHN BERRY**.

SECONDLY, I will and bequeath to **JANE DUNN**, daughter of my sister **JANE ELLIOTT**, and **CHARLES MOORE** and **ROSANNAH BERRY [BARRY]** and **MARGARET BERRY**, three of the children of my sister **MARY MOORE**, all My Negro slaves **JACOB**, **AMY**, **JUDY**, **PHILLIS**, **POMPEY**, **JULIA**, **VIOLET**, **WATSON** and **ROSY** on the following conditions, as it is my desire, and intention to gratify and comply with the entreaties of of the said Negroes that they may not be separated at a distance from each other or carried out of York district from their relatives and connections, that the said intentions may not be frustrated, I will that the said Negroes be legally appraised and sold by my executors at private sale on a credit of one, two, and three years to such persons as those of them that can make a choice may choose, at the amount of the appraisement and not under, but if they cannot be sold at private sale then they are to be sold at public vendue on the same credit as aforesaid payable in equal installments, and the price of the said Negroes when and as it is collected by my executors and when called for is to be paid to the aforesaid **JANE DUNN**, **CHARLES MOORE**, **ROSANNAH BERRY** and **MARGARET BERRY** in the following manner:

To **JANE DUNN** the one fourth part of the money of the money arising from the sale of the said Negroes, and the remainder of the other three fourths after the expenses of my estate are paid and settled to be equally divided between the said **CHARLES MOORE**, **ROSANNAH BERRY** and **MARGARET BERRY** share & share alike.

And if the said **CHARLES MOORE**, **JANE DUNN**, **ROSANNAH BERRY** and **MARGARET BERRY** will not agree to and quietly suffer my executors to carry my desires and intentions expressed in this will respecting the land and Negroes aforesaid into effect, it is then my will and desire that the same be equally divided amongst the children of my two sisters **JANE ELLIOTT** and **MARY MOORE**.

THIRDLY I will that the residue and remainder of my estate and property be sold on a credit of one year And the money remaining after the expenses are paid be equally divided amongst the children of my aforesaid two sisters.

And lastly I do nominate and appoint **JAMES A. WHYTE** sole executor of this my last Will and testament and do hereby revoke every other Will be me heretofore made and declare this and no other to be my last will and testament.

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In Witness whereof, I, the said **VIOLET WATSON**, have hereunto set my hand & seal the eighth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen 1815.

(The words: effect, 17dth line; **BERRY**, 20th line; between, 44th line; share, 45th line; & divided, 51st line; were inserted & interlined before Signing)

**VIOLET WATSON** {seal, her x mark}

Signed Sealed declared published by the said **VIOLET WATSON** as her last Will and her testament in the presence of us who at her request & in her presence have subscribed as witnesses thereto.

**JOSEPH GEBIE**  
**ROGER BERRY [BARRY]**  
**ROBERT HARPER**

I, **J. A. WHYTE**, do hereby dissent and refuse to take upon me the burden and execution of the above will.

**J. A. WHYTE**

Probated Feb. 12, 1821  
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**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

South Carolina  
York District

By **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS**, ordinary of said District

Personally appeared before me **JOSEPH GEBIE Sr.** and **ROGER BERRY [BARRY]**, who, being duly sworn as the law directs, say that they saw **VIOLET WATSON** sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the within to be and contain her last will and testament, that the said **VIOLET WATSON** was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of their these deponents knowledge and belief, and that **ROBERT HARPER** together with these deponents signed his name as witness there to at the request of the testator in her presence and in the presence of each other.

February 12th 1821

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS**, O. Y. D.

**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

An inventory and appraisement of all the personal estate of **VIOLET WATSON** of York District and as shown by **JOHN BERRY** administrator of said estate with the will annexed.

March 6th 1821

[INVENTORY]

Negroes:

AMY and her child GEORGE  
POMPEY, JEWELS, VIOLET, WILLIAM, ROSIE  
JUDE and two children LYDIA and BOB

**JOSEPH GEBIE**  
**JOHN YARBROUGH**  
**GEORGE DAVIS**

**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

March 20th 1821

A list of Articles sold at auction of the estate of **VIOLET WATSON**, deceased, by **JOHN BERRY [BARRY]** administrator with the will annexed.

**ELIZABETH ANDERSON**  
**ALEXANDER BERRY**  
**ROGER BERRY**  
**JAMES BRIAN**  
**GEORGE DAVIS**  
**THOMAS DUNCAN**  
**JOHN FALLS**  
**ANDREW GILES**  
**JAMES KERR**  
**SAMUEL MILTON**  
**JAMES QUINN**  
**WILLIAM ROOKER**  
**WILLIAM WALLACE**

**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

**JOHN BERRY**, son of **ROGER**, administrator with will annexed of **VIOLET WATSON** late deceased settlement.

**JAMES A. WHYTE**  
**JOHN DAVIDSON**  
**ROBERT B. WALKER**  
**ROBERT DAVIDSON**  
**JOHN BERRY**

Sworn to March 1st 1822  
**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS**, O. Y. D



**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

**JOHN BERRY** administrator  
of the late **VIOLET WATSON**  
deceased with her will annexed

settlement

May 5th 1828

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**JOHN BERRY, ROGER BERRY's** son administrator with the will annexed of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased settlement

September 18th 1827 Received of **JOHN BERRY** administrator of the estate of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased with the will annexed \$539.78 in full of a legacy left me by her last will. **JANE DUNN.**

September 19th 1827 received of **JOHN BERRY** administrator of the estate of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased with the will annexed \$11.69 in full of my part of the devise of the estate residue and remainder as accepted in the last will of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased **ANDREW ELLIOTT**

September 20th 1827 received of **JOHN BERRY** administrator of the estate of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased with the will annexed \$11.69 in full of my part of the devise of the residue and remainder as expressed in the last will of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased **ROBERT ELLIOTT**

September 19th 1827 received of **JOHN BERRY** administrator of the estate of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased \$11.69 in full of my devise of the said residue and remainder as expressed in the last will of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased **HUGH ELLIOTT**

September 19th 1827 received of **JOHN BERRY** administrator of the estate of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased \$11.69 in full of the devise and the residue and remainder agreeable to her last will **JOHN ELLIOTT**

Received of **JOHN BERRY** administrator with the will of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased annexed \$101.34 and full the principal and interest of a legacy left to **MARGARET BERRY** in the last will and testament of the aforesaid **VIOLET WATSON** deceased I being the Administrator of **MARY BERRY [BARRY]** deceased May 5th 1828 **A. BERRY [BARRY]** administrator

Spartanburg District

May 1st 1828

Sir,

You will please to pay over to Major **A. BERRY** that part of **VIOLET WATSON's** estate that may be coming to me as my residual part of his receipt in my name and for me will be your "relicade" or the same.

Received a **JOHN BERRY** administrator with the will of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased annexed \$11.69 it being the residuary Legacy due to doctor? **A. B. MOORE** as his order will shew. 5 May 1828 **A. BERRY** for Dr. **A. B. MOORE**

Sworn to before me May 5th 1828

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS, O. Y. D.**

**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

**JOHN BERRY** son of **ROGER**, administrator with the will annexed of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased settlement

**JOHN BEATTY**  
**ALEXANDER BERRY**  
**JOHN BERRY**  
**ROGER BERRY**  
**JOHN S. BRATTON**  
**MARY BRIANT [BRIAN]**  
**CHARLES BRUMFIELD**  
**JOHN DAVIDSON**  
**JOHN GEBIE SR.**  
**JOSEPH GEBIE**  
**CHARLES M. HANNAH**  
**JAMES KERR**  
**JAMES KERR**  
**CHARLES MOORE**  
**MAURICE A. MOORE**  
**WILLIAM MOORE**  
**F. M. NASH**  
**J. A. WHYTE**  
**JOHN YARBROUGH**

**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

**JOHN BERRY, ROGER's** son administrator with the will annexed of **VIOLET WATSON**  
deceased settlement

**R. CLENDENAN**

**VIOLET WATSON vs JOHN BROWN**

**J. M. HARRIS**

March 26th 1825 received of **JOHN BERRY** administrator of the estate of **VIOLET WATSON**  
deceased with the will annexed \$100 in part of the money arising from the sale of  
her Negroes agreeable to her last will.

**JANE DUNN**

Sworn to before me April 29th 1825

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS, O. Y. D.**

**J. A. WHYTE**

**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

**JOHN BERRY**, **ROGER**'s son, administrator with the will of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased settlement

**WILLIAM D. HENRY**

Received of **JOHN BERRY** administrator of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased with the will annexed \$280 **CHARLES MOORE** May 31st 1825

Received a **JOHN BERRY** administrator of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased with the will annexed \$280 Isaac Smith attorney for **ROBERT BERRY?**

Received a **JOHN BERRY** administrator with the will of **VIOLET WATSON** and next \$125 as part payment of A legacy due me the administrator with the will annexed of **MARGARET BARRY** deceased July 17th 1826 **A. BERRY**

Received April 29th 1825 of **JOHN BERRY** administrator with the will annexed of the last will and testament of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased \$380 in part of the Legacy due to my late mother **MARGARET BARRY** deceased under the said will of **VIOLET WATSON** which I received as administrator with the will annexed of the last will and testament of the late **MARGARET BERRY, A. BERRY**

Test

**R. CLENDENEN**

Sworn to before me July 17th 1826

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS, O. Y. D.**

**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

**JOHN BERRY** administrator with the  
will annexed to **VIOLET WATSON**  
deceased settlement July 17th 1826

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**JOHN BERRY**, son of **ROGER BERRY**, administrators with the will annexed of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased, settlement

**JOHN BERRY** administrator of **VIOLET WATSON** vs **JOHN DAVIDSON**, Lancaster District for sum cost as **THOMAS WILLIAMS** attorney **GEORGE DAVIS** receipt

Sworn to before me June 7th 1824

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS**, O. Y. D.

**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

**JOHN BERRY, ROGER's** son administrator with the will of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased a next settlement

**WILLIAM D. HENRY**  
**W. BENSON**

**CHARLES MOORE**  
**ISAAC SMITH** atty **ROSE BERRY [BARRY]**  
**A. BERRY**  
**CHARLES MOORE**  
**WILLIAM A. BERRY**  
**CHARLES MOORE**  
**ISAAC SMITH** atty **ROSE BERRY [BARRY]**

Sworn to before me September 17th 1827  
**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS, O. Y. D.**



**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

**JOHN BERRY**, son of **ROGER**, administrator of the estate of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased with her last will and testament annexed, settlement

**JANE DUNN**  
**CHARLES MOORE**  
**ROSANNA BERRY**  
**MARGARET BERRY**  
**JANE ELLIOTT** and **MARY MOORE**

The above calculated made 31st May 1825

BC, O. Y. D

The amount due to  
**JANE DUNN**  
**CHARLES MOORE**  
**ROSANNAH BERRY**  
**MARGARET BERRY**  
**JANE ELLIOTT & MARY MOORE** children

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South Carolina  
York District

By **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** ordinary of York District

To **JOHN BERRY**, son of **ROGER BERRY**

Where has **VIOLET WATSON** late of the District aforesaid and died leaving a last will and testament by means were of the administration of the estate and effects of the said **VIOLET WATSON** deceased to me is manifestly known to belong and where has **JOHN BERRY**, son of **ROGER BERRY**, has made ??? to me to grant him letters of administration of the estate and effects of said **VIOLET WATSON** deceased with her will annexed. I therefore in consideration of the promises and that the goods and scratch premises and that the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said **VIOLET** deceased may be well and truly administered converted and disposed of according to law I do hereby give and Grant unto the said **JOHN BERRY** in whose Fidelity in this behalf I very much confide full power and authority by the tenor of these presents to administer and Faithfully dispose of the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said **VIOLET WATSON** deceased according to the effect and Tanner of the said will and first to pay the debts of the said **VIOLET WATSON** deceased which she did or at the time of her death afterwards the legacies contained in and specified by the said well as far as such goods and chattels rights and credits will therein to extend Angela law requiring beef first sworn on the holy evangelists of almighty God to make a true and perfect inventory thereof and to exhibit the same into the ordinaries office in order to be recorded on or before the 25th day of April next ensuing and I do ordain, depute, and constitute you, the said **JOHN BERRY**, administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights, and credits of the said **VIOLET WATSON** deceased with her will and next.

Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of February 1821

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS**, O. Y. D.

**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

Letters of administration  
with the will annexed  
**VIOLET WATSON** deceased

**JOHN BERRY**, son of **ROGER BERRY**,  
administrator with the will annexed

February 28th 1821  
recorded in book D page 50 and 51

**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

State of South Carolina  
York District

Know all men by these presents, that we, **JOHN BERRY**, son of **ROGER BERRY**, **ROGER BERRY**, and **JOSEPH GEBIE** are holden and firmly bound unto **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** Esquire, ordinary for the District of York.

In the full and just some of \$10,000 lawful money of this state, to be paid to the said **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** or his successors, ordinaries of this District, or there certain attorney or a signs. To which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and every of us, our and every of our errors, executive orders and administrators, for the whole, and in the whole, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated the 28th day of February in the year of Our Lord 1821.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound **JOHN BERRY**, son of **ROGER BERRY**, administrator with the will annexed of **VIOLET WATSON**, late deceased to make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the deceased, which have or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of the said **JOHN BERRY** or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him and the same so made do exhibit into the said Court of ordinary, when he shall be there onto required, and such goods, chattels and credits do well and truly administer according to law, and do make a just and true account of his acting and doings there in when required by the said cord: and further do well and truly pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in the said will as far as the said goods and credits will extend and the law require, then this obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force.

**JOHN BERRY**  
**ROGER BERRY**  
**JOSEPH GEBIE**

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

**A. H. CHAMBERS**

**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

South Carolina  
York District

My **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** ordinary of the District aforesaid with the will annexed

Ordered that the administrator of the estate of **VIOLET WATSON**, widow, deceased be sold agreeable to the deceased's will at the house where she died on the 20th day of March this instant be given legal notice of said

20 March 1821

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** o. Y. D.

**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

State of South Carolina  
York District

By **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** Esquire ordinary of York District.

Where is **JOHN BERRY** near Yorkville has apply to me for letters of administration with the will annexed on all in singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of **VIOLET WATSON**, widow, late of the District aforesaid, deceased.

These are therefore to sight in admonish all and singular, the Kindred and creditors of the said deceased, to be and appear before me at our next ordinaries court for the district, to be holding at Yorkville on the Friday after publication thereof to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of February in the year of Our Lord 1821 and in the 45th year of American independence.

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS**, O. Y. D.

Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815

State of South Carolina  
York District

By **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** Esquire ordinary of York District.

These are to authorize and empower you, or any three or four of you, whose names are here under written, to repair to all such Parts in places within this state, as you shall be directed unto by **JOHN BERRY**, son of **ROGER BERRY**, administrator with the will annexed of the goods and chattels, rights and credits of **VIOLET WATSON** late deceased, wheresoever any of the said goods and chattels are or do you remain within the sad parts in places, and which shall be shown on to you by the said **JOHN BERRY** and they're of you and praise all and every the said goods and chattels, being first duly sworn on the holy evangelists of almighty God to make a true and perfect inventory and appraisement thereof, and to cause the same to be returned under your hands, or any three or four of you, unto the said **JOHN BERRY** on or before the 25th day of May next.

Witness **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** Esquire ordinary of said District, the 28th day of February in the year of Our Lord 1821 and then the 45 year of American independence.

To Messrs. **JOSEPH GEBIE Sr.**, **GEORGE DAVIS**, **ANDREW MCWHORTIN [MCWHORTER]**, **JOHN YARBROUGH** and **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS**

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS**, Ohio. Y. D.

Memorandum

But on the sixth day of March in the year of Our Lord 1821 personally appeared before me, **JOHN HENRY**, one of the justices assigned to keep the peace in York District **GEORGE DAVIS**, **JOHN YARBROUGH**, **JOSEPH GEBIE** and **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** being for the appraisers appointed to appraise the goods and chattels of **VIOLET WATSON**, widow, late of the district aforesaid deceased, who being duly sworn, made oath, that they would make a just and true appraisement of all in singular, the goods and chattels of the said **VIOLET WATSON** deceased, as shall be produced by **JOHN BERRY**, administrator with the will annexed, of the estate of the said deceased, and that they would return the same certified under their hands, unto the said **JOHN BERRY** on or before the 20th day of May next.

Sworn to the day and you're above written before me

**JOHN HENRY**

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Citation **VIOLET WATSON** deceased  
estate will Annex

**JOHN BERRY** applicant February 12th 1821

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**Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815**

Mr. **JOHN BERRY**

Sir,

Please send me by bearer **JOHN H. SLOAN** what money you have in your hands of the estate of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased coming to **ROSIE BERRY** and take this receipt for the amount which you send on the back of this order when I see you we will come to a final settlement.

Yours & c.

September 27th 1828

**ISAAC SMITH** attorney for **R. BERRY**

Yorkville October 1st 1828 received to **JOHN BERRY** administrator with Will annexed of **VIOLET WATSON** deceased \$54.02 on account of the with in order

**JOHN H. SLOAN**

The settlement of the above estate and lands as per the last settlement with the above exception.

Sworn to 18th December 1829

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS**, O. Y. D.

Will & Probate, SC, York, VIOLET WATSON, 1815

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