

WILL OF
WILLIAM WATSON SENR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In the name of God Amen. I William Watson Senr of Fishing Creek, in York County and State of South Carolina being sick and weak of body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, do this twentieth day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety eight, make and publish this my last Will and Testament, Viz.

First I recommend my Soul to God who gave it, and my Body to the Earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner, at the discretion of my Executors and as touching my worldly Estate, I dispose, bequeath and devise the same in the following manner viz. Secondly I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Violet Watson during life and to be disposed of by her death so that she leave the same to some of her sisters children, one third part of my Plantation whereon I now live to be laid off for her by my Executors in the most suitable and convenient place for her, at ^{in value} their discretions, and to be equal to one third of the whole without respect to quantity, also one third part of all the Debts due to me and ready money in the House, and also one third part of all my moveable property, and I allow Hugh Berry to keep or retain as much more of my moveable Estate in his hands, as will make the one third already bequeathed equal to one half of the whole, to be applied by him to the use and support of my said Wife, if the third above mentioned should be insufficient, and to be disposed of by my said Wife at her death to her Sisters Children or some of them as above mentioned.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath unto my two Sisters--Elizabeth Walker and Alice Alexander each the sum of two hundred Dollars, to be paid as soon as the same can be collected by my Executors----

Fourthly. I allow and order that my old Negroe Woman Rose be set

free, emancipated and for ever absolved from Slavery, and to get her spinning Wheel, Bed Clothes &c and Isaac, Philip; and Fredrick three Male Children sons of my Negroe Wench Amy. I allow and order to be bound out by my Executors to good Farmers or Tradesmen until they severally come to be thirty one years of age, and then to be free, emancipated, and for ever absolved and acquitted of slavery. The remainder of my Negroes I allow to be valued upon Oath by three disinterested men, and if they the said Negroes can choose Masters that will give the said valuation for them or either of them, I allow them to have them, my Executors taking care to secure the payment of the said valuation.

Fifthly. The remainder of my Estate I give to my two Sisters Elizabeth Walker, Alice Alexander and my Cousin Watson Walker (son of Felix Walker) to be equally divided amongst the said three share and share alike to be paid to them or their Heirs seven Years after my decease.---

Sixthly. My Land which is unbequeathed I allow and order to be valued in the same Manner as my Negroes and my Executors to dispose of it to some honest person who will give said valuation, and good security for the payment of the same, and my Executors are hereby authorized to make titles for the same

Lastly. I hereby constitute nominate and appoint my Wife Violet Watson Executrix and Hugh Berry Col. William Bratton and John McCaw Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness of all which I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, the date first herein written.

Signed, and acknowledged by the testator as and for his last Will and Testament, in presence of us---

Jos. Gebie
John Gebie
Roger Barry

his
William X Watson Senr. (Seal)
mark

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