

ABNER BAILIFF WITNESSES WILL OF JAMES WATSON JR 1813

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JAMES WATSON WILL 1813

In the name of God Amen. I **JAMES WATSON** of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of sound memory and Judgment thanks be unto God.

Therefore, do this **fourteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen** make and appoint this my last will and testament in manner following.

My will is after all my just debts are paid that all of my estate consisting of seven negroes to wit: **CHARITY, HANNAH, GRANT, CELCIA, YACKNEY, LORRIE AND NELLY** and their increase I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **MARGARET WATSON** during her natural life. Also all my horses hogs cattle, Household and Kitchen furniture, all residue of my estate to her during her natural life.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my sister in law **ELLENOR WITTEE** fifty dollars after the death of my wife **MARGARET**.

ITEM: I give and bequeath after the death of my beloved wife **MARGARET** all of my above mentioned Estate to my eight dearly beloved children to wit: **HELEN RILEY, JAMES WATSON, REBECCA WATSON, ELIZABETH COMB, ANDREW WATSON, NANCY WATSON, JOHN WATSON,** and **ROBERT WATSON** to be equally divided amongst them and their heirs forever. Lastly, I make and ordain my trusty and well beloved friend my wife **MARGARET** and my son in law **JOHN COMBS** Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I the said **JAMES WATSON** have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

ABNER BAILIFF
JOHN KOCKERY

JAMES [X] WATSON

Orange County August Term 1813

SOURCE: Orange County, North Carolina, Will Book D, Page 381.

NOTE: The **Watsons** came from Chester County, Pennsylvania.