

John Thomas Watson (1700 – 1725) believed to be married to Alice Eaty Grissell

Riely Leon Townsend books says the following about John Thomas Watson.

"There is a tradition that Watson was a Presbyterian and came to the Hanover County area of Virginia when so many members of that faith came over. He was in search of his brother, so the story goes, an admiral in the British Navy. Not finding him, John Thomas married a widow in Hanover County. They moved to Pittsylvania County, Virginia soon after the first white men arrived there during the 1740s and settled on Cherryston Creek. The town of Chatham is built on their land."

And "According to his will, dated November 15, 1802, John Thomas Watson and his wife, E. Alice Watson, had six children, three sons and three daughters."

His will can be found in the Pittsylvania County, VA will book no. 1 page 531 dated October 22, 1794. The will was probated in 1802.

In the name of God, Amen October the 22: 1794 I John Watson Se': of Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia being in perfect health both of Body and mind and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die do make Constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I Recommend my Soul into the hands of God who give it and as for my Body I recommend it to the earth to be Buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the Direction of my Executors hereafter named and as for my Worldly Goods wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of in the manner and form following. Item it is my Will and I do order that in the first place all my just Debts and Burial Charges be paid and Satisfied. Item I give and Bequeath to my Beloved son William Watson and his heirs forever my Dwelling plantation and all the Land thereto Belonging and as for my moveable Estate I also give and Bequeath the whole that I possess to my Son William Watson, whom I Constitute and Ordain to be my only and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Thomas Watson and to my Son, John Watson and to my Daughter Grisill Farthing and to my Daughter Ceziah Hughs and to my Daughter Arphileda Townson and to their heirs forever one Shilling Sterling to each of them to be their full portion of all my whole and Sole Estate to be paid out of my Estate by my Executor, as Witness whereof I have hereto Set my hand and Seal this day and year above Written, the word Farthing Enterlined before Signed,
John Watson (SEAL)
Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of ?