

Will of Samuel Hughes Contributed by Barbara Farthing Bonham

Samuel Hughes b Apr 1753 Hanover County, Virginia per his rejected Revolutionary War Claim No. 5356 married Keziah Hughes, dau of John Watson late of Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

The following is the first of his recorded wills.

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Hughs Senior. of the County of Cooper and the State of Missouri being sound of mind but infirm in body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last will and testament Whereas in a former period in the State of Tennessee I Samuel Hughes Senior Executed unto Rice Hughes Senior my son, a bill of Sale for the persons of Lewis and Amy my negroes and some other property the intention of which bill of sale was for the maintainance of myself John Hughes my son and Mercy Hughes my daughter after the death of my wife moved to my son Rice Hughes in conformity with the before mentioned bill of Sale and remained there about 12 months, during of which period he sd Rice Hughes Senior frequently and repeatedly told me to take her Mercy Hughes away from his house that she Mercy should not stay at his house for one thousand Dollars per year I therefore deemed it impossible to live there any longer in peace and consequently removed myself and family where I now live I therefore will that Amy my negro shall live with and take care of my daughter Mercy Hughes during her natural life and if Amy should live longer than my daughter Mercy Hughes I will that she Amy be free I also bequeath unto my Daughter Mercy Hughes and John Watson Hughes son of Mercy Hughes my negro man Lewis during there natural life and should Lewis live longer than my daughter Mercy Hughes and her son John Watson Hughes I then and in that case will and bequeath him the sd Lewis unto my son Rice Hughes Senior I also will and bequeath unto my daughter Mercy and unto her son John Watson Hughes all my personal property whatsoever I also will that in case that my daughter Mercy Hughes should marry that then and in that case she as a legatee to the above will and testament do loose her right of dowery that there would have been confered on her the sd Mercy Hughes and her right of dower in that case to revert to her son John Watson Hughes and whereas I anticipate that there probably will be a law suit for the affore sd property I make and constitute and appoint Harmon H. Bailey my lawful agent to defend all and every claim or claims whatsoever that come against the afore sd negroes after my decease and for defending against the aforesaid bill of sale I will and bequeath the labour of Lewis my negroe man unto Harmon H. Bailey the term of ten years and at the expiration of which term the sd Lewis is to revert back to my grandson John Watson Hughes and son of Mercy Hughes and I do hereby disanull and revoke all other wills and do make this my last will and testament in testamony wherof I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this 18th day of Sep 1837.

Samuel (X) Hughes Signer

Wit: John Miller, Jeremiah Phillips, Martin J. Phillips

[Clerk's note" This will was proved in the lifetime of the testator and was afterwards revoked by a subsequent will which was _____ to probate.

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Another will in Cooper Co., Missouri page 49-D dated 01 Mar 1841 as being recorded 25 Nov 1842.

I will be happy to share the Watson Family data base with anyone related to this family.

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