

The Will of Adam Wattenberger (1860-1825)

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Adam Wattenberger's Will.

In the name of God Amund.

I Adam Wattenberger Sr. of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being of advanced age, possessing a sound mind, health to mind my mortality, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament, revoking all former Wills and Testaments as followeth (viz) I Ordain that my worldly property after defraying the expenses of a decent and Christian funeral of my Body and payment of all my just debts be distributed as follow. In primis I bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Elizabeth Wattenberger all my household Stitches furniture, Beds & furniture to be for her use and all farming utensils until my youngest child comes of age. It is my wish to keep all my stock of horses, cows hogs and Sheep and all other perishable property for the use of my Wife to raise the family until the youngest child comes of age and as my children come to age. Each one of them hereafter mentioned shall have a horse worth between fifty and sixty Dollars and common saddle and bridle as four of my Sons have had horses, saddles and bridles, worth the amount above mentioned To wit, William Wattenberger, Adam Wattenberger, Jacob Wattenberger and Peter Wattenberger So it is my wish those hereafter mentioned shall have a horse, saddle and bridle at the same prices as they come of age. (Solomon, Michael, Rudrick, George Samuel Wattenberger) And it is my wish that my daughters Elizabeth Wattenberger and Sally Wattenberger as they arrive at the age of eighteen years, to have each of them a saddle worth twenty Dollars and each of them two cows and each of them fifty Dollars current money of Tennessee and each a bed and furniture and spinning wheel. And it is my wish that my son Solomon Wattenberger on the account of bodily infirmity, to have one hundred dollars out of the first money that is collected, to be applied for his education and this is to be extra from an equal share with the rest of the Legatee and it is my wish that four Boys, To wit, Michael, Rudrick, George & Samuel Wattenberger, be sent to school to read, write and understand the Rule of Three and it is my wish that my two Daughters Elizabeth & Sarah be sent to school to learn to read and write and for the above mentioned four Boys and two Girls for their education to be paid out of my estate. And if my Wife Elizabeth should depart this life before my youngest child comes of age

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All my property both real and personal shall be sold at public sale and as my son Peter Wattenberger learned the Blacksmith trade, there is to be one hundred dollars deducted out of his share of his legacy and if my wife should live until my youngest child comes to be of age, she shall have my corn cupboard and furniture, Clock & can, an Bureau, two milk cows, some mare and saddle & bridle, an Bed and furniture, an coffee kettle and as much household and kitchen furniture as may be necessary to keep my house and after she deceases all to be sold and equally divided among the Legates. All the money that is due from the plantation that I sold to John Atkins and what is not due as soon as can be collected and the debt paid, the balance to be divided among the Legates, those of age to have their part, those that are not of age, the money to be put to interest until they are of age. All other notes and Book accounts in my possession shall and is to be divided among the Legates.

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Adam Wattenberger, Will
My Executors shall have to apply for the necessary wanted in my family if there should be need for it. The black woman Sarah shall be sold by my Executors, shall be sold the first opportunity and to the best advantage, my black man Samuel is to be hired out to the best advantage and the money arising from his hire to be for the use of raising the family. If he does not by hiring, he is to be hired until the youngest child comes of age, if not the Executors to sell him the first opportunity and the price of the Negro Man to be equally divided among the Legates. Godwin and Appoint Frederick Fensler and Christian Betty Sr. Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the year of our Lord, Eighteen hundred and Twenty the fiftenth of October
Adam Wattenberger
Test
John Link
S. W. Cunningham
Christian Betty
The above Will sworn in open court by the aforesaid of John Link, Samuel W. Cunningham and Christian Betty Jr. subscribing Witnesses thereto at Sulphur Springs 1825. and Recorded. Christian Betty Sr. and Frederick Fensler qualified as Executors to the same

Notes on the Will of Adam Wattenberger

He was born John Adam Wuertemberger in Reading, Berks Co, Pennsylvania on 22 Feb 1760, the son of Johann Adam Wuertembuerger, (1733, Germany – 1782, Cumru, Berks, PA) and Anna Maria Strohecker (1839, Wimsheim, Germany – bef. 1782, Pennsylvania). He married Maria Elizabeth Ferntzeler (04 Dec 1766, Berks Co, PA – 1850, Tennessee) on 4 Feb 1783 in Cumru, Berks Co, PA, and died in Washington County Tennessee, in about July 1825.

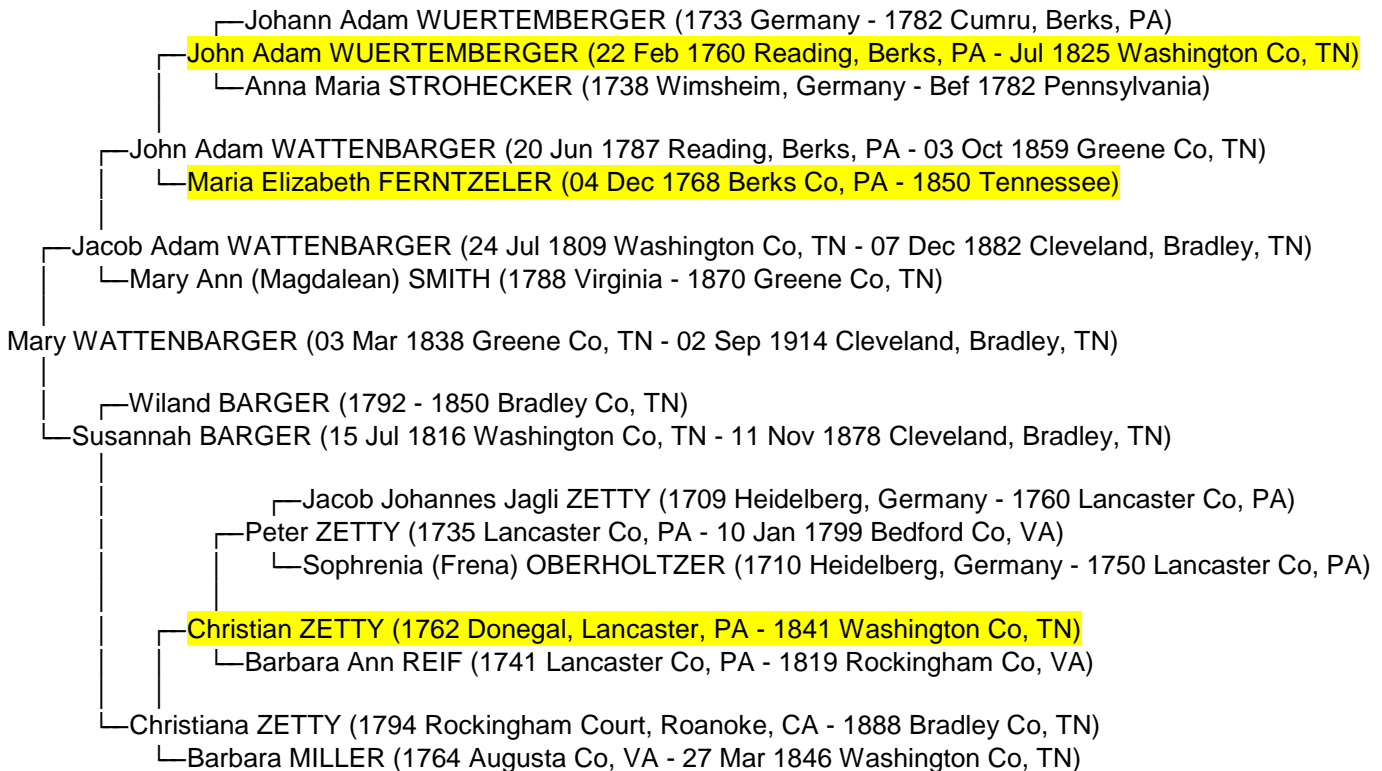
The will was written 15 Oct 1820, and probated in July, 1825.

Adam Wattenbarger and Maria Ferntzeler had 12 children. The first 3 were born in Berks Co, PA; the next 2 were born in Rockingham Co, VA, and the last 7 were born in Washington Co, TN. The will mentions, in order

- my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth Wattenberger
- sons William Wattenberger,
- Adam Wattenberger,
- Jacob Wattenberger,
- Peter Wattenberger.
- sons (Solomon, Michael, Friederick, George, Samuel Wattenbarger)
- Daughters Elizabeth Wattenberger and Sally Wattenberger

Christian Zetty was named as an administrator of Adam Wattenbarger's estate. Zetty's granddaughter Susanna Barger married Wattenbarger's grandson Jacob Adam Wattenbarger.

My Wattenbarger and Zetty Ancestors



Mary Wattenbarger married William Rogers Richmond (19 Jan 1822 Hamilton Co, TN – 02 Jul 1862 Bradley Co, TN) on 11 Mar 1858 in Bradley Co, TN. They were my great-great grandparents.

Robin Richmond
Cleveland, Ohio
July, 2016