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In the name of God Almighty Amen. Know all persons by these presents, that I Samuel Stephens of a County of Floyd, Kentucky, on Beaver Creek, being in my right mind and knowing that I cannot always stay here on earth and hope to die to meet Christ in peace who liveth for ever & bequeath my real estate in the following manner to wit to be divided between my children first Rebecca Allen dec. her part I want to be divided equal between her children George M. Stephens has received his part of my real estate at this time James T. Stephens is to have one part David Stephens one part Andrew J. Stephens one part Thomas M. Stephens one part Samuel A. Stephens one part Paul M. Stephens one part Cynthia Hale one part Mary Croft one part John B. Stephens one part Alexander J. Stephens one part Christiana A. Stephens one part Marguerite Stephens one part. Also one P. Carpenter one part. each part that is going to my heirs is to be equal. This given from under my hand this 9th day of May 1851.

Witness

Paul M. Allen
Santford Allen.
Hiram Eaton.

Samuel Stephens

State of Kentucky Floyd County Court August (Aug 2) Term 1851

The instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Samuel Stephens deceased was this day produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Paul M. Allen and Santford Allen two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. who also proved the signature of Hiram Eaton the other attesting witness. Whereupon it is ordered that the said instrument of writing be and the same is allowed and established as the last will and testament of said Samuel Stephens deceased and as such duly admitted to record.

Attest
G. H. Smith, Clerk

Floyd County Court

In vacation January 30th 1851

This day a writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John M. Dawson decd was produced to the undersigned Clerk in vacation by Ephraim Dawson and Thompson and both Dawson and B. D. Smith two of the subscribing witnesses thereto & after being duly sworn according to law proved said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of the said John M. Dawson decd. It is therefore ordered that said writing be and the same is hereby admitted to probate as such for the last will and testament of the said John M. Dawson decd. Given under my hand this 30th day of January 1851.

Chapman C. Smith
Floyd County Court

Will

In the name of God Amen.
I, John M. Dawson of the Town of Cassville in the County of Floyd and State of West Virginia being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this last will and testament in to my lawful estate and all the property real and personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my death I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to-wit: I leave and the utmost satisfaction in my beloved husband Ephraim Dawson that he will protect provide for & maintain and educate my children viz: Rebecca, Rebecca Paul & also I leave all of whom being young and of tender years and for the love and affection I have for my husband and desiring him to enjoy fully all my property the better to enable him to care for himself and educate my said children I therefore for the reasons aforesaid give bequeath and devise to my beloved husband Ephraim Dawson all my real estate, lying and being in the County of Floyd and State of Kentucky being all the lands in said County and State of which I shall be seized or possessed or to which I may be entitled at my decease to his sole use absolutely forever not meaning or desiring him by to create in my children or any of them my estate in the above real estate whether either present or contingent hereby fully empowering my said husband Ephraim Dawson to sell and convey all my real estate wherever as an absolute owner and to use and control the money realized from the sale thereof for and for all claims of my aforesaid children or any of them whomsoever. In testimony whereof I do this John M. Dawson have to this my last will and testament contained and contained on one sheet of paper subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 5th day of January 1851.

John M. Dawson (Seal)
Signed sealed witnessed and published by the said John M. Dawson and for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in her presence and in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto
Ephraim Dawson & Secretary at Cassville Floyd County W. Va.
B. D. Smith
Will M. Dawson

State of West Virginia
Wayne County Clerk's Office }
Jee.

The foregoing Bill of
John W. Danner Decd was on the 30th day of February 1888 presented to
my office and the same together with the record of probate thereof,
and also were this day duly admitted to record
Under my hand this 1st day of February 1888

State of West Virginia
Wayne County Clerk's Office }
Jee.

I, Chapman Fry Clerk of the County Court,
within and for the County and State aforesaid do certify that the
foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the will of John W. Danner
Decd together with the record of probate thereof as appears of record
in my office. Given under my hand and official seal
this 1st day of Feb'y 1888.

Chapman Fry Clerk
Wayne County Court.

State of West Virginia
Wayne County Clerk's Office }
Jee.

I, Chapman Danner President of the County
Court within and for the County and State aforesaid do certify
that Chapman Fry is the Clerk of the County Court within and for the
County & State aforesaid and as such is the custodian of the records
and the above signature is genuine and in his hand writing
Given under my hand this 1st day of Feb'y 1888

Chapman Danner
President Wayne
County Court.

State of West Virginia
Wayne County Clerk's Office }
Jee.

I, Chapman Fry Clerk of the County Court
within and for the County and State aforesaid do certify that Chapman
Danner is the President of the County Court within and for the County &
State aforesaid as appears from the records of my office and that
the above signature is genuine and in his hand writing.

Given under my hand and official seal
this 1st day of Feb'y 1888.

Chapman Fry Clerk
Wayne County Court.

State of Kentucky
Floyd County Court } February Term 1888.

An instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of John W. Danner Decd was this day produced in open Court by J. A. Danner
Clerk of the Floyd County Court & said instrument offered for probate & the Court has well and
advised at its said Court and of course that said instrument be and is the said instrument
and established as the last will and testament of said John W. Danner Decd and
as such ordered to record.

Attest
J. A. Danner
Clerk Floyd County Court.

Bill
of
John Allen

In the name of God Almighty Amen.
I, John Allen by these presents that I William Allen a citizen of
Floyd County Kentucky leaving on the right hand box of Reuben Cook
living in my right mind and knowing that I cannot live longer than
in health and who has no other heirs or next of kin in peace and
with the former I bequeath my real estate in the following manner to wit
to Martha Allen & William Allen I will and be of my real estate to them
and to Mary Allen the other half Martha Allen and Mary Allen is to
pay Martha Cook twenty five dollars cash at the expiration of ten
years which will be in 1898 and to Frank Danner, Martha Allen
& Mary Allen is to pay twenty five dollars to be paid also in 1898
and to John Danner, Martha Allen & Mary Allen is to pay to him
fifty dollars to be paid also in 1898 and to my daughter Sarah Allen
Martha Allen & Mary Allen is to pay to her seventy five dollars to be
paid at the expiration of ten years which will be in 1898.
This given from under my hand this March the 20th 1888.

John Allen
Attest
J. A. Danner

Date of testimony } August Term
Floyd County Court } August 18th 1888

An instrument of writing purporting to be the
last will and testament of William Allen deceased was this day
produced in Court and proved by the oath of J. A. Danner & J. A. Danner
that subscribing as true and that it is signed by the
said instrument of writing he and the same is returned & established
as the last will and testament of said William Allen deceased and
as such duly admitted to record.

Attest
J. A. Danner Clerk
Floyd County Court.