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Saml Stephens

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 dec. 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 dec. 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 dec. 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