

W. Stephens
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June 17 1848.

Know all men that after Commending my Soul to the mercies of my Creator. First that it is my will and request that my little all be paid. 2^d That my farm, Stock of every description and all appurtenances thereunto belonging shall remain unsold or undivided until my youngest child be come of age. provided that my wife, Clarissa remains single in all that time, but should she marry previous to my youngest child coming of age. It is then my will that she shall have a child's part, and set apart at that time for her use and benefit if she so desires it. 3^d It is my will & wish that my wife and children remain all together on the farm and enjoy equally all hereof and its profits and benefits. 4th Upon one and all of my children becoming of age or getting married as the case may be he or she shall be allowed the sum of fifty dollars or its equivalent in property provided they are as at that in life. Finally it is my wish and will that my property all be equally divided among my wife and children upon the youngest child coming of age. 5th All unnecessary tools and implements not necessary for farm or purposes I wish sold for the use and benefit of my family. 6th It is my wish that my wife Clarissa my eldest son Benjamin F. Stephens and Son-in-Law Allen be and are hereby appointed my Administrators & children's guardians. Know all men that this is my last and only will signed at my request before subscribing witnesses

Wm. H. Mowry
James M. Woodward
Harden O. Davis

State of Kentucky
Henderson County 3^d June County Court 1848

This last will and Testament of Vance Stephens dec. was proved in open Court by the oaths of James M. Woodward a subscribing witness thereto who also testified that Peter Mowry and Harden O. Davis, the other two subscribing witnesses attested said will in his presence and in the presence and at the request of said testator and thereupon the said Will is ordered to be recorded (see Order Book C page 418)

Attest Will D. Allison clk

John Watson
Will

I John Watson of the County of Henderson in the State of Kentucky be of sound mind and memory, but knowing the great uncertainty of life, and wishing to settle my worldly affairs in a manner satisfactory to myself, do make and establish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills made by me heretofore. Item 1st My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid. 2^d I give to my daughter Pamela wife of John Vickus One hundred Dollars which with what I have heretofore given her, is to be her full share of my Estate. 3^d I give and devise to my son Thomas Watson the following for property to-wit: A tract of land on which I now reside containing Six hundred acres, one that my son Thomas Watson is to pay to my daughter Louisa wife of Jackson A. Blum the sum of One hundred Dollars a year for six years to make her equal with him in said land, and my son Thomas Watson is to pay to my daughter Ann Eliza wife of Jerome Watson the sum of One hundred Dollars a year

for six years to make her equal with him in said tract of land, I also give to my son Thomas Watson Negroes Aaron, Sam. Andrew, and boy William, in addition to those I gave him shortly after his marriage. One yoke of Oxen. One ox wagon and four hundred dollars in money. 4th I give to my daughter Louisa wife of Jackson A. Blum the following negroes in addition to those I gave her, after her marriage. Lewis Buck, Lewis and Lucy. 5th I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Ann Eliza Watson the following slaves and other property to-wit: Carney, (and his wife Julian, and their increase), Minny, Tom Goods, Isaac and David. One Piano. one feather bed, bedstead, and a full suit of furniture for the same. One boy mare (Ellen Colt) the two hufers thought at Mr. Samuel Smith's Sale, and one Cadis Secretary. 6th I give and bequeath to my little grand daughter Ann Catherine A. Blum one Negro girl (Charlotte) to her and her heirs forever. 7th I desire that my Negro woman Steady and child Henry be equally divided between my son Thomas Watson, my daughter Louisa A. Blum and my daughter Ann Eliza Watson. 8th All the rest and residue of my Estate of what kind or description soever not herein specially named or devised, I desire to be sold and divided equally between my said three children Thomas Watson, Louisa A. Blum and Ann Eliza Watson. But it is my express will and desire that if my said daughter Ann Eliza Watson shall die without leaving heirs of her body, then the part or share of my Estate so falling to her under this will, shall revert and be equally divided between my son Thomas Watson and my daughter Louisa A. Blum. 9th In addition to the foregoing bequest I have two slaves not named in any of them, to-wit: Cordy fourteen yrs. and old next Feb'y the 14th and boy Jim eleven years old the 11th of April next. My will and desire is, that Cordy remain with and serve my children till she arrives at the age of eighteen years, at which time she is to be free, and furnished by my executors with all necessary papers to that effect. My will, and desire is, that Jim also remain with, and serve my children until he is fourteen then my will is, that my executors place him, under some humane and competent man to learn a good Trade, where he is to remain till he is twenty one years old, at which age he (Jim) is to be free, and my executors are requested to furnish him, with all necessary papers to that effect. My son Thomas Watson is especially requested to see to the execution of this last part of my will. And lastly I appoint my son Thomas Watson and my son-in-law Jackson A. Blum executors of this my last will and Testament, and request that the County Court will not require them to give security, if they or either of them under take the execution of the same. Witness my hand and seal this 18th day of January 1848.

signed, sealed, published to be the last will and Testament of John Watson before us 18th Jan'y 1848

W. S. Holloway
J. B. Cabell

State of Kentucky 3^d June County Court 1848
Henderson County

This last will and Testament of John Watson dec. was produced in Court, and proved in open Court, according to law, by the oaths of W. S. Holloway and John B. Cabell, subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded (see Order Book C page 419)

Attest Will D. Allison clk

John Watson
his mark