

In the name of God Amen. I William  
Stephens of the County of Alexandria in the district of Columbia, be  
in good health of body and sound and disposing mind and memory at  
this time, but considering the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, do make and  
ordain this my last will and testament desiring that all other wills by me hitherto  
soe made may be cancelled and have no effect. I impetratis. I give my soul  
to God who gave it me and to Jesus Christ my Redeemer and direct my body to  
be decently interred.

As to the worldly estate which God has been pleased to give me, my will and  
desire is that it may be disposed of as follows viz:

On the first day of February one thousand eight hundred and sixteen I sold  
Esther (whom I bought some years ago of Benjamin Potting Esq; ) and  
her three children, Moses, Letty and Juliana Eliza to Hannah Jackson and the  
said Hannah Jackson has since manumitted and set free the said three children who  
have been maintained and supported by me since the death of their mother Esther  
and are to be supported by me during my life. In relation to these children I  
have to request and direct my Executors at my death to give up Letty and Juliana Eliza  
to Hannah Jackson if she be alive with a sufficiency out of what I have bequeathed  
and devised to them in this my last Will and Testament to support and educate them  
until they arrive at the age of eighteen years respectively. I wish and desire Moses to be  
sent to Philadelphia or some other place where coloured children are carefully educated  
and there to be boarded with some respectable person who will pay due attention to his  
moral and after he has obtained his education I wish and direct that he be put to  
whatever occupation or profession he may select and the expences born out of the income  
hereinafter mentioned in this my last will. After these remarks here introduced for the  
purpose of explaining clearly my views in relation to these three children of Esther now  
deceased. I give unto Moses the son of Esther aforesaid the houses and lots where he  
now

now live (one of the aforesaid lots I bought of William Herbel Jun<sup>r</sup>, Trustee for the creditors  
of Robert Conway and the other I bought of Joseph Mandeville) together with my fish-  
ing shore, during his natural life, and to his children if he should have lawful issue, if  
not then I give the said lots and fishing shore at his decease to my grand children equally  
and their heirs forever. I also give him a Bond I held of John McPherson for ten thou-  
sand dollars which was due the first day of April last and is now on Interest and secured  
by a Deed of Trust on eleven hundred acres of land which I sold him in Fairfax Coun-  
ty Virginia and if my Executors think it be for the interest of Moses to collect it and invest the  
money in the Stock of a good Bank, they are at liberty to do so, but not otherwise un-  
less Mr. McPherson wants to pay it off then I wish the money to be laid out on ground  
well secured on Bank Stock. I also give unto Moses my ground rent of the lot No.  
124 in the plan of Alexandria of one hundred and ten dollars payable on the 2<sup>d</sup>  
August every year by Thomas Brueches, the lot lies on Queen and Pitt streets.  
I also give him my house and lot on Prince's street, at this time occupied by Fred-  
rick Green and John Smith which lies on the west of Mrs Doughty's garden  
and on the east of a house at this time rented by Robert Anderson and is 36 feet  
front on Prince's street running back 88 feet 33 inches.

I give and bequeath to Letty and Juliana Eliza daughters of the aforesaid Esther  
jointly the lots which I bought of William Herbel Jun<sup>r</sup>, and the other Executors of  
Richard Conway deceased to them during their natural lives and to their children  
after them, should they have any, but if either die childless I will her surviving brother  
sister and her children, but if neither of them have issue then I will this proper-  
ty to my grand children and their heirs. I further give and bequeath to Letty my house  
on King street now occupied by Robert Gray with all the back buildings and ware-  
house to Hancocks alley.

To Juliana Eliza I further give and bequeath my corner brick house on King  
and Pitt streets together with the warehouse on Pitt Street and other houses back to  
Hancocks alley.

I give to the three sons of Doll Bell, Daniel, John and Anderson my one half  
of the eighty acres of land known by the name of Turkey Cock which is adja-

between the Heirs of the late John Dundas and myself only my half is to be on the East side of the Tract and where D. W. Bell now lives, as was agreed on by the Executors and myself before I built the house thereon. I also give them my lot called Dowdells Town with all the houses on it, lying on the north side of Princeps Street and west side of St. Asaphs Street in the Town of Alexandria to them during their natural lives as tenants in common, and to their children lawfully begotten, but if they die leaving no legal issue, then I give it to my grand children, and their heirs in manner aforesaid. Until these children come of age I direct my executors to pay the proceeds of said property to their mother to enable her to support them and give them all the education she can.

It is my desire that Jerry shall serve his Brother Moses until he comes to the age of twenty-one years when I will him to be free and he is hereby declared to be manumitted and set free at that time.

My household furniture houses and cows I desire my Executors to sell at public vendue immediately after my decease all except what Hannah Jackson shall need for the care of Letty and Julianas Eliza, the money arising from the sale to be applied to the discharge of the expences of my funeral and to support the three children of Esther until they get of the rents and other income I leave them with all my other personal property.

I give to William H. Dundas my grandson all my wharf and warehouses with the whole of the lot on the east side of union street, also I give unto him my house and lots now occupied by Robert Anderson on Princeps street and west of Moses's lot and part of the lot I deeded some time ago to Eliza Dundas his sister with all the vacant ground between the house and Elizas lot running back 88 feet & to include these and each of these pieces of property I give to William H. Dundas during his natural life and his children after him provided he pays all lawful demands that may come against me or my estate on account of the rents or main profits of the six thousand acres of land deeded by the supreme Court of the United States to John Dunlop & Co, but at the termination of that suit unless William H. Dundas satisfy any demands that may come against my estate on that account, then I empower my afterwards executors to advertise as much of that property and sell as public Vendue and convey it to the

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the purchasers as will satisfy the whole that may come against me, altho' I do not expect there ever will be any brought against me.

I give and bequeath to Thomas Dundas my grandson and his heirs forever ten shares of Bank stock in the Bank of Alexandria which stand in my name, also one half of the lots rented to George Lampier, Robert George Lampier and Joseph Dudley in the town of Alexandria. Also I give him a vacant lot on water street south of the house of the late doctor Kennedy which I had of Mr. Heribet Junr, trustee of the creditors of John Potts deceased being about 60 feet in front and running back to Mr. Hastings lots. To Nancy Keene wife of Newton Keene and her heirs I give and devise my house and lot on Princeps and Union Streets.

To Sophia Peyton wife of Thomas West Peyton and her children I give my lot and houses on the north side of Princeps street and west side of water street at this time occupied by Catherine Shovelane.

There is a large balance in the company's Books of Stephen & Dundas due to me and is stated by John Dundas in the Ledger as amounting to about \$5000 dollars, also due me from John Dundas my late co partner, one half of the \$10,350 dollars which I had to pay to John Dunlop & Co, by the decree of the supreme Court. These sums I empower Newton Keene, Thomas West Peyton and James H. Dundas or any two of them to recover for their wives and children and for Eliza Dundas but should either of them refuse to act such refusal shall be considered a relinquishment of his right.

All my just lands that are undivided between the heirs of John Dundas and myself, all my other property real, personal or chattel of whatever kind and wherever found I give to be equally divided amongst all my grand children and their heirs.

From the last paragraph must be excepted two shares of stock in the Bank of Alexandria standing in the name of Stephen and Dundas which I give and bequeath to my daughter Agnes Dundas. This I deem sufficient at this time having heretofore provided amply for her in addition to the provision made for her by her late husband John Dundas.

Lastly I appoint Jonah Isable of the Town of Alexandria and Archibald Mc Cleam late of Alexandria, but at this time of Chester County in the state of Pennsylvania to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament enjoining them to see that the children of Esther and Bell Bell get all the property left them by this my will.

And if both my Executors should die before all the said Children should be of age, then I request the Judge of the Orphans Court to appoint a Guardian or guardians for them to see that the Children be carefully educated and maintained out of the funds left them.

If unfortunately any dispute shall arise respecting the meaning of any part of this will from the want of clearness of expression, my will is that such dispute be referred to two arbitrators one to be chosen by my Executors and one by such of the legatees as shall be dissatisfied which Arbitrators in case of disagreement shall choose a third and the award of any two of them shall be as valid and binding on the parties as a decree rendered in court and should any of the legatees refuse to abide by such award I hereby declare the person or persons so refusing shall hereby forfeit and lose all claim to the property and benefit devised by this will which devises or devises shall go to those legatees (meaning my grandchildren) who shall be content and their heirs: but should all my grandchildren refuse to acquiesce in such award, I then will and order that all the property herein devised to them be given equally to Moses Letty and Juliana Eliza and their heirs.

In Testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty eighth day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventeen.

Published and declared by William Hepburn, the Testator in our presence as his last Will and Testament,

John A. Stewart

John Johnston

James Johnston

John Ramsay

Be it Remembered that on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 1817 before me Alexander Moore Register of Wills for the County of Alexandria, in the district of Columbia, came John A. Stewart one of the subscribing witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of William Hepburn deceased and gave D. O. Seal and the sum of £1000 And on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of the same month in the year then running also a witness to the said Will and Testament appeared an approved the same in manner aforesaid And on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord Isobel Wood substituted M. Clegg to be Executor named in the said Will and for that purpose there was given Bonds and security in the sum of Sixty thousand dollars and letters Testamentary were granted them

Wm Hepburn

Know all Men by these presents That we Susanna Gruber, William Moore and John Creighton are held and firmly bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia and his successors in office in the sum of five hundred dollars lawful money of the United States to the payment whereof well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1817.

The Condition of the above obligation is such That if the above bounden Susanna Gruber shall well and truly perform the office of Administrator of David Gruber late of Alexandria County deceased according to law and shall in all respects discharge the duties of her required by law as Administrator aforesaid without any injury or damage to any person interested in the faithful performance of the said office, then the above obligation shall be void else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Sealed & Delivered  
in presence of  
A. Moore   
John Creighton

Susanna Gruber   
William Moore   
John Creighton

Know all Men by these presents That we Mary E. Hale Thomas M. Davis and George H. Wiss are held and firmly bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia and his successors in office, in the sum of four thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States of America, to the payment whereof well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1817.

The Condition of the above obligation is such That if the above bounden Mary E. Hale as guardian of Ann Olivia and Mary Carlton Hale shall faithfully account with the Orphans Court of Alexandria

be made or bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 14 day of August 1817.

The Condition of the above obligation is such. That if the above bounden Lewis Piles shall well and truly perform the office of Administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of Peter Piles late of Alexandria County deceased according to law, and shall in all respects discharge the duties of him required by law as Administrator aforesaid without any injury or damage to any person interested in the faithful performance of the said office; then the above obligation shall be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Sealed & Delivered  
in presence of  
A. Moore

Lewis Piles   
Alexander Percy   
Caleb Vernon

Know all Men by these presents. That we Jonah Isabell, Archibald McLean, Joseph Dean, John Gild, Jonathan C. May, Nathaniel Rounswell and Thomas Preston, are held and firmly bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia and his successors in office in the sum of Sixty thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States, to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this sixteenth day of August 1817.

The condition of the above obligation is such. That if the above bounden Jonah Isabell, and Archibald McLean shall well and truly perform the office of Executors of William Hepburn late of Alexandria County deceased according to law, and shall in all respects discharge the duties of them required by law as Executors aforesaid without any damage to any person interested in the faithful performance of the said office; then the above obligation shall be void, else to remain in full force, and virtue in law.

Sealed & Delivered  
in presence of  
A. Moore

Jonah Isabell   
Arch. McLean   
Joseph Dean   
John Gild   
Jonathan C. May   
N. Rounswell   
Thomas Preston

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Know all Men by these presents. That we William H. Dundas, Agnes Dundas and James Bloxham are held and firmly bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia and his successors in office in the sum of four thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States of America, to the payment whereof well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 18 day of August 1817.

The Condition of the above obligation is such. That if the above bounden William H. Dundas as Guardian of Thomas Dundas shall faithfully account with the Orphans Court of Alexandria County, as directed by law for the management of the Property and Estate of the Orphan under his care, and shall also deliver up the said property agreeably to the order of the said Court or the directions of law, and shall in all respects perform the duty of Guardian to the said Orphan according to law, then the above obligation shall cease; it shall otherwise remain in full force and virtue in law.

Sealed & Delivered  
in presence of  
A. Moore

William H. Dundas   
Agnes Dundas   
James Bloxham

Know all Men by these presents. That we Russel Stevens, William A. Williams and Solomon Parsons are held and firmly bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia residing therein and his successors in office in the sum of six hundred Dollars, lawful money of the United States, to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 22 day of August 1817. The condition of the above obligation is such. That if the above bounden Russel Stevens shall well and truly perform the office of Administrator of Edward A. Shutz, late of Alexandria County deceased according to law, and shall in all respects discharge the duties of him required by law as Administrator aforesaid without any injury or damage to any person interested in the faithful performance of the said office, then the above obligation shall be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Sealed & Delivered  
in presence of  
A. Moore

Russel Stevens   
William A. Williams   
Solomon Parsons

Know all Men by these presents that we Henry Brauner  
of John P. Taylor and James Witch are held and firmly  
bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Orphans  
Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Colum-  
bia and his Successors in office in the sum of three thousand  
Dollars lawful money of the United States to the payment  
whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs  
Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by  
these presents Sealed with our Seals and the fifth day of Sep-  
tember 1818 Whereas on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1816 the above  
bound Henry Brauner became the Guardian of Luisa Cleaton  
and gave James Blakham and Lewis Hiphins as securities  
Now the Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above  
bound Henry Brauner as Guardian aforesaid shall save harm-  
less and indemnify his said Securities and their heirs from all dam-  
age and loss in consequence of the said security ship then the above  
obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and Delivered

in presence of

Henry Brauner *[Signature]*  
John P. Taylor *[Signature]*  
James Witch *[Signature]*

Know all Men by these presents That we Jonah Isabell  
Archibald McLean Jonathan C. May Nathaniel Hounsavell  
John Gird are held and firmly bound unto Robert Young  
Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexan-  
dria in the District of Columbia and his successors <sup>in office</sup> in the sum of  
Twenty thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States  
of America to the payment whereof well and truly to be made  
we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly  
and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals  
and dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1818.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the  
above bounden Jonah Isabell and Archibald McLean as Guar-  
dian of Letitia, Moses and Julia Ann Eliza Hepburn Orphans of  
William Hepburn deceased shall faithfully account with the  
Orphans Court of Alexandria County as directed by law for  
the management of the property and Estate of the orphans under

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their care and shall also deliver up the said property agreeably to the  
order of the said Court or the directions of law, and shall in all re-  
spects perform the duty of Guardian to the said orphans according to  
law then the above obligation shall cease, it shall otherwise re-  
main in full force and virtue in law.

Sealed and Delivered

in presence of

Jonah Isabell *[Signature]*  
Archibald McLean *[Signature]*  
Jonathan C. May *[Signature]*  
Nathaniel Hounsavell *[Signature]*  
John Gird *[Signature]*

Know all Men by these presents that we Theophilus J.  
Norton Philip Lee and Patrick Carroll are held and firmly  
bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court  
for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia  
and his successors in office in the sum of Two hundred dollars  
lawful money of the United States to the payment whereof  
well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Execu-  
tors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these pre-  
sents sealed with our seals aforesaid this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Septem-  
ber 1818. The Condition of the above obligation is such that  
if the above bounden Theophilus J Norton shall well and  
truly perform the office of administrator of Andrew McGindley  
late of Alexandria County deceased according to law and shall  
in all respects discharge the duties of him required by law as  
administrator aforesaid without any injury or damage to any  
person interested in the faithful performance of said Office  
then the above obligation shall be void else to remain in full  
force and virtue in law.

Sealed and Delivered

in presence of

Theophilus J Norton *[Signature]*  
Philip Lee *[Signature]*  
Patrick Carroll *[Signature]*