

Customs, In the Name of God Amen, Thomas Stanton being in perfect
Health thanks be to God for it, do make this my Last Will & Testament as
Followeth To wit I give leave & bequeath unto my eldest son Stephen, one
hundred & fifty acres of Land Joining William Figgs line, with all the
Improvements & one Negro boy called Jack. I give & bequeath my son Joel
454. acres of Land on Stanton River that he now lives on, also one Negro
boy called Ben, also I give my Daughter Susanna, instead of Land, one
Negro woman called Ablo, & one Negro called Beason, also I give leave
& bequeath unto my son Thomas, a Tract of Land betwixt Landon
Branch & Raccoon Branch Joining Henry Strattons line & so down the
Landon Branch to the Cattail Branch, also one Negro boy called Tony
Also I give unto my son John a Tract of Land lying between the Cattail
Branch & John Pollards line, also one Negro girl called Rhody, & the remaining
part of Land where I now live unto my dearly loving wife during her
widowhood & no longer also one Negro called Phoebe & so James. Together with all
horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, & household furniture, during her widowhood & no
longer, I did give my son John Ten pounds in Cash instead of Stock at his
marriage & if my son Thomas or Isaac dies without Lawfull Issue then
either of them their part of the Land & Negroes to be Equally divided betwixt
my then living Children, my will & desire is that at the day of marriage
of either my young sons Thomas or Isaac or all of them should have as
much Stock & household Furniture paid them before any division made
as those already married also my will & desire is that my youngest son
Ben should have & possess the same

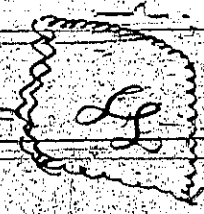
boy called Ben, also Give my Daughter Susan, instead of Land one
Negro woman called Blo. Give Negro called Beason, also Give leave
& bequeath unto my son Thomas a Tract of Land between Tandam
branch & Bacon Branch. Joining Henry Stralons line & go down the
Tandam branch to the battail branch, also one Negro boy called Tony
also Give unto my son John a Tract of Land lying between the Cataraugus
branch & John Pollards line, also one Negro girl called Phady, & the remaining
part of Land where I now live unto my dear & loving wife during her
widowhood & no longer also Negro Bhebe & Ed. & James. Together with all
horses, cattle sheep Hogs, & household furniture, during her widowhood & no
longer. I did give my son John Ten pounds in cash instead of stock at his
marriage & if my son Thomas or Isaac dies without lawful issue & either
either of them their part of the Land & Negroes to be Equally divided between
my then living children, my will & desire is that at the day of marriage
of either my young sons Thomas or Isaac or all of them should have as
much stock & household Furniture paid them before any division made
as those already married also my will & desire is that my youngest son
Isaac, after my wife decease should have & possess the Plantation where
I now live with all the Land between the Rich Hill branch & Bacon
branch, also one Negro Girl attany, my desire is that the Negro woman
Bhebe should be free after my wife decease. And lastly, I do appoint Stephen
& Isaac my Executors & my wife Mary Executrix of this my Last will &
Testament.

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Testament which I charge them to do the best they can that all may
have their equal Part of my personal Estate after my Last debts
is paid, As Witness my hand this 29th day of July 1797
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John Phelps
Charles Torrey
Randolph Phelps

Thos. Preston



At a Court held for said County the 26th day of February 1798
This Last Will & Testament of Thomas Preston deceased was
proved by the oath of John Phelps Charles Torrey & Randolph Phelps
Witnesses whose names are thereunto subscribed & ordered to be
Recorded, And on the Motion of Stephen Preston & Mary Preston
one of the Executors & Executrix therein named who made oath
thereof Certificate is granted them for obtaining probate thereof
in due form on giving security whereupon they together with
John Phelps their security entered into & acknowledged their
bond in the penalty of One Thousand pounds. conditioned
for the said Executors & Executrix due & faithful
administration of said decedents Estate & performance of his
will, Liberty being reserved the other Executor to join in the
probate thereof when he shall think fit

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Stephen C. Bl

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