

Stephens
Will
In the name of God Amen I William Stephens of the County of Orange
and the Parish of St Thomas being sick & weak but of Perfect Sense & memory
Thanks be given to Almighty God for the same and calling to mind the uncertainty
of this Transitory Life do make and ordain this my last will and Testament First
all I give & Bequeath my Soul into the hands of God that greet me: and my body
to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner according to the
Directions of my Decent and loving Doubting but at the General Resurrection at
the Last Day to receive the same by the mighty power of God Secondly I desire that
all my Debts may be satisfied and paid by my Executors Thirdly I give & Bequeath
unto my son John Stephens one Shilling Sterling Fourthly I give and bequeath
To my Daughter Anne Hyat one Shilling Sterling Fifthly I give and Bequeath
To my Daughter Mary Tabor one Shilling Sterling Sixthly I give and Bequeath
To my Daughter Jane Butcher one Shilling Sterling Seventhly I give & Bequeath
to my Daughter Elizabeth Stephens one Shilling Sterling Eighthly I give & Bequeath
to my Daughter Ann one Shilling Sterling Ninthly I give and bequeath

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to the Buriall to be Buried in a Christian like & decent manner according to the
Direction of my Executors in nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection at
the Last Day to receive the same by the mighty power of God. Secondly I Drive that
all my Debts may be satisfied and paid by my Executors. Thirdly I give & Bequeath
unto my selfe John Stephens one Shilling Sterling. Fourthly I give and bequeath
To my Daughter Anne Hoyt one Shilling Sterling. Fifthly I give and Bequeath
To my Daughter Mary Taylor one Shilling Sterling. Sixthly I give and Bequeath
To my Daughter Jane Harrison one Shilling Sterling. Seventhly I give & Bequeath
To my Daughter Elizabeth Stephens one Shilling Sterling. Eighthly I give & Bequeath
To my Daughter Ann Devere one Shilling Sterling. Ninthly I give and bequeath
To my Daughter Elizabeth Lane one Shilling Sterling. Tenthly I give & Bequeath

To my Daughter William's Land for my Bre and her Acquaintance I give and
Bequeath to my Daughter Catherine my Ware with four head of Sheep &
their Increase, also two fowls, Dishes and Six pewter plates & two pewter basons
and three Chairs one Earthen pot one Stone pot Three hundred hogs & their Increase
one Iron pot and pot hooks one narrow ax, five hoes and one Gun, knives & forks
and Spoons meal sifter & search and one plow hoe Bre & their Increase one horse
one Iron ridge and all my other house stuff to her when her will becom. Lastly
I constitute and appoint my Daughter Catherine sole & solely executrix
of this my Last Will and Testament, revoking all other heretofore made by
me in Writings whereof I have set my hand and seal this Twenty first Day of

August Ann Dom 1765

Witnessed

William V Stephens (Seal)

in the presence of

Joseph Chamberlain

Handwritten
in the presence of

William V. Stephens (et)

Joseph Chandler

James Alverson
marks

At a Court held for Orange County on Thursday the 28th of May 1767.
This Last Will and Testament of William Stephens was presented into Court by
Subscribers the Executrix therein named and proved by the oaths of Joseph Chandler
and James Alverson witnesses thereto & Ordered to be recorded and on the motion
of the Executrix who made oath according to due oath and was granted her
for Obtaining Letters of Probate thereof in Due form & the giving security whereupon
the said Joseph Chandler & James Alverson entered into & acknowledged their bond
for the same in the sum of 1000 pounds current money

Test
Geo Taylor C. C.