

Thomas
Stephenson
will

In the Name of God amen I Thomas Stephenson son of the
County of Southampton being of sound & disposing mind & memory
do make & give in this my last will & testament as follows Imp.
after recommending my soul to God & my body to the Earth to
be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named —

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Stephenson the
plantation wherein I now live containing one hundred & five acres be
the same man or life & shall my wife & half my boys & half my
ship after her mothers decease & my second wife to her & his
heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Brown wife of
John Brown one feather bed & furniture to her & her heirs
forever

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Stephenson one pair
of furniture one chest to her & her heirs forever

do make good and true

after recommending my soul to God & my body to the Earth to
be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Stephenson the
plantation whereon I now live containing one hundred & four acres be
the same more or less & half my cattle half my hogs & half my
sheep after his mothers decease & my sorrel colt to him & his
heirs for ever

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Catharine Stephenson of
Johns River one feather bed & furniture to her & her heirs
for ever

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Stephenson one bed
& furniture one chest to her & her heirs for ever

Item I give unto my son Simon Stephenson one cow & calf & half my
clothes both Linen & Woollen to him & his heirs for ever

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I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Stephenson
one Bed & Furniture &c her disposing

All the rest of my estate of what nature or kind soever or whatsoever
it be found I give to be equally divided betwixt my children
hereafter named all but the sum of five pounds I give

unto my son Matthew Stephenson the sum of five pounds
current money of Virginia James Stephenson Th^o Stephenson

J^r Simon Stephenson William Stephenson Matthew
Stephenson Jane Stephenson the wife of Geo. Summerrill

Stephen Summerrill the son of John Summerrill Cath^r
Stephenson Elizabeth Summerrill the wife of Thomas

Summerrill Esther Browne wife of J^r Brown each of

them to have an equal part — Lastly I do appoint &
constitute my loving wife Elizabeth Stephenson to be my sole

Ex^{or} executor of this my last will & testament In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 10th day of June 1708

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ending
with the

whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this
seventh day of december one thousand seven hundred & eight
Signed sealed & acknowledged Tho^r ^{his} Stephenson ^{Seal}
in my last will & testament in

presence of us
Benjamin B. Turner

Jameson Turner

Arthur Allen

At a Court held for the County of Southampton
the 8 day of Feb^r 1770

This will was presented in court
by Simon Stephenson one of the executors named the other
refusing to join in the probat thereof & approved by the oaths
of Benjamin Turner & Arthur Allen two of the witnesses thereto

~~ordered to be removed~~ & as the executor of the said will who
made oath according to an certificate is granted him for

obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security
Whereupon &c.

McCall
Jr