

Stephen Tison's Will.

Knowing the shortness of life and that all men must die I Stephen Tison of said State and County having a few worthy years that God has blessed me with, which I wish to make disposition of which I am of a sound and disposing mind and memory I therefore make constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament and also disannulling all others heretofore by me made or entered into whatsoever I do dispose of my estate in the following manner to wit:

- Item 1st. — I want my body buried in a christian like manner and my soul return to God who gave it.
- Item 2nd — I want all my just debts paid as there is no need of delay.
- Item 3rd — I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Tison one hundred acres of land lying in the fork of Robin's Creek, and a part of a two hundred acre tract I bought of Onech Jefferson to have during her natural life or widowhood; and if she marries the land to belong to her child Jefferson D. Tison, and I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife my black mare and one cow and yearling and all my stock hogs and plantation tools and household furniture wth all disbursement to have and to hold during her natural life or widowhood and if she marries the whole estate to be sold and the money to go to the child Jefferson D. Tison.
- Item 4th — I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Jefferson D. Tison one hundred acres of land on the fork of Robin's Creek, it being a part of two hundred acres; and I leave my crop for the use of my family, and I also constitute and ordain my beloved father Noah Tison my executor In witness of the said Steven Tison hath acknowledged it be his last will and Testament signed and sealed.

Juliana ^{nee} Foskey.
Catherine ^{nee} Hall.
Darling Johnson. }

Stephen Tison. (L.S.)

Witness of
Court.

I G. D. Hellam, Ordinary of said county do hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy of the last will of Stephen Tison duly proved before me, in solemn term June Term 1863 at a regular term of the Court of Ordinary; that Noah Tison named therein as executor, duly qualified before me of said Term; and to vest him with full authority to execute said will, I have duly issued to him the letters Testamentary annexed to said copy of will.
In testimony whereof, I, the said Ordinary, have heretunto set my hand and seal of office 1st Day of June 1863.

G. D. Hellam
Ordinary of Johnson County.
and Ex-officio Clerk.