

State of Georgia } Monday Morning 10 O'clock October 6th 1856. (251)
Group County } Court met pursuant to adjournment present
Thomas C. Evans Clerk erg.

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen

Group County } In the exercise of the privilege
secured to me by the Law's of my Country I John
L. Stephens do make publish and declare my last Will and Testament in
words and figures following, to wit;

Item 1st All my Estate Real personal and mixed in possession or action
at the time of my death I bequeath to my affectionate Brother
Alexander H. Stephens to be managed, controlled and disposed of by him
and at his discretion for the payment of my debts, and for the use of my
beloved Wife and Children and having unbounded confidence in, I give
unlimited and plenary powers in the premises and relying on that paternal
kindness which has heretofore been unfailing I leave to him the entire man-
agement of my family and request him to superintend the raising and
education of my Children and to take entire control of them according to
his own judgment and discretion

Item 2nd The Negro Woman Rachel though for many years in my possession
I admit to be the property of my brother Alexander H. Stephens

Item 3rd I also appoint my said brother Alexander H. Stephens Executor of this
my last will with all the powers before declared, In witness of all
which I have hereunto set my hand and seal and published and declared
the foregoing as my last will and Testament the 7th day of June 1856.

Sealed signed published and declared in presence of us, who attest
the same in presence of Testator

Benjamin H. Hill

Peter Bogert

John C. Cartright

Georgia } Court of Ordinary Oct. Term 1856

Group County } The within paper writing being propounded by Alexander H.

Stephens the Executor nominated therein as the last Will and Testament
of John L. Stephens late of said County Sec^d and the sanity & volition of the Testator being
clearly and fully proven on the oath of Peter Bogert, and John C. Cartright two of the
subscribing witnesses to the same; It is therefore Ordered by the Court that the same be
admitted to Record as the last will and Testament of said John L. Stephens late deceased, and
that Letters Testamentary be issued to Alexander H. Stephens he taking the Oath
prescribed by Law

(252) Cooper, Daniel McCallum, Albert C. Cox, A. & S. Roberts & Edmund J. Harris to appraise the Estate of said Deceased and make Return of the same to this Court in Term of Law - Granted Thomas C. Evans Ordinary.

Recorded 7th October 1856.

Thomas C. Evans Ordinary

State of Georgia

Troup County

By the Court of Ordinary for said County

To all whom these presents shall come - greeting

Know ye, That on the sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, the last Will and Testament of John L. Stephens late of Troup County deceased was exhibited in open Court, and in Common form of law, proved and admitted to record, a Copy of which is herewith annexed, and Administration of all and singular the goods, Chattels and Credits of said deceased was granted to Alexander H. Stephens the executor in and by said Will named and appointed, he having first taken the Oath, and performed all other requisites required by law, he by Order of said Court and by virtue of these presents, legally authorized to administer the goods, Chattels and Credits of said deceased, according to the tenor and effects of the said Will and Testament, and according to law; and he is hereby required to render a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, Chattels and Credits of the said deceased and appraised and returned to this Court according to law, and to render a true and correct account to the said Court of his doings and doings yearly and every year until his Administration is fully completed

Given under my hand, as Ordinary, and the Seal of the said Court this 6th

October eighteen hundred and fifty six

Tho^s C. Evans Ordinary

Recorded 7 Oct. 1856.

Tho^s C. Evans Ordinary

Recorded in the Ordinary's office of Taliaferro County Georgia this Nov 26th 1857.

Quinn O'Neal Ordinary

Will of Benjamin Jones.

Georgia

Taliaferro County

In the Name of God, Amen

I Benjamin Jones

of the County and State aforesaid being of sound

Mind and Memory, do Ordain and Constitute this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

Item 1st It is my will that all my just debts be paid

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my wife Mary Jones the plantation whereon I now reside with all my house hold & kitchen

Taliaferro County Wills 1826-1896

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