

State of Georgia  
County of Group

In the Name of God Amen!!  
In the exercise of the privilege granted to me  
by the Laws of my Country I John L. Stephens  
do make publick and declare my last Will and Testament in words

Item 1<sup>st</sup> 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 imbedded confidence in him  
I give him unlimited and plenary powers in the premises, and relying  
on that paternal kindness which has heretofore been unfailing I  
leave to him the entire management 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 2<sup>nd</sup> The negro woman Rachel though for many years in my possession  
I admit to be the property of my brother Alexander H. Stephens

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I also appoint my said brother Alexander H. Stephens executor  
of this my 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 7<sup>th</sup>  
day of June 1856 Sealed Signed published and declared in presence  
of us who attest the same in presence of Testators  
Benj. H. Hill John L. Stephens Seal  
Peter Bogert  
John C. Centright

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Count of Ordinaries October Term 1856

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 deceased and the validity and validity of the Testator  
being clearly and fully proven on the oath of Peter Bogert and John C.  
Centright 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 do issue to Alexander H. Stephens he tak-  
ing the oath prescribed by Law. It is further ordered by the Court  
that Non Cooper Daniel McWilliam Albert Cox et al Roberts  
and Edmund Harris be appointed to appraise said Estate  
and make Return of the same to this Court in terms of the Law  
Manda Thomas C. Evans Ordinary

Recorded 7<sup>th</sup> October 1856

Thomas C. Evans Ordinary