

affection I give and bequeath unto them and their heirs forever.

I nominate constitute and appoint my son William Lassiter executor to this my last will and testament whom I request after my decease to consult with my children or as many of them as may be convenient and proceed to make sale or divide my property as is herein directed as they may think best.

In witness whereof I the said Elijah Lassiter have hereunto set my hand and ^{affixed} seal the thirteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and forty seven signed sealed in presence of

John H. Kennedy
David Avera

Johnston County Court

May Term 1848

Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oath of David Avera and ordered to be recorded

Thomas Bagley clk

Will of James Stephenson

In the name of God Amen I James Stephenson of Johnston County and State of North Carolina being weak in body but strong in mind do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in words following

Item 1 It is my desire after my decease that my executor have me buried in a decent Christian form

Item 2 I give unto my daughter Jane Stephenson one bedstead and furniture one chest one cow and calf her choice 1 sow and pigs 1 powder dish her choice 1 table.

Item 3 I give unto my son Benjamin Stephenson all the rest of my property that I may die possessed of money excepted.

Item 4 If I leave any money on hand at my death it is my desire that it be divided between all my children and I do by these present revoke annul and make void all other wills heretofore made by me declaring this to be my last will and testament and I do also appoint my son Benjamin Stephenson my executor to this my last will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 3rd day of October in the year of our Lord 1847

James B. Stephenson

Witness

C. J. Bingham

Merit Stephenson

Johnston County Court

August Term 1848

Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oath of Charles J. Bingham and ordered to be recorded.

Thomas Bagley clk