

Squire Stevens & Co

Squire Stevens Son Last Will and Testament

State of North Carolina. Union County

I Squire Steven Son of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in mine and form following To Wit.

First that my Executor hereinafter named, shall provide for my Body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my Relations and friends and pay all my funeral Expenses together with my Just debts, Liabilities and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate

Item I give and devise unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth all and the entire use of all my property (with the such time as is hereinafter named) that is to say one plantation on which I now live all the house hold and Kitchen furniture (with the the Exceptions hereinafter named) with all my Stock of Cattle, Sheep, Hogs Horses and all the Corn ^{and} fodder oats hay and wheat that may be on hand at the time of my decease together with the following Negroes Viz Mark and his Wife Sarah and a son Sarah

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Sarah to her and to her use and the minor heirs of my Estate as long
as they live together and as long as the property does well that is as long
as she agrees believes themselves and works as they should or as my
Executor in his wisdom thinks they should if therefore my Executor
(hereinafter named) thinks in his wisdom and discretion that the
property is about to ^be lost and the negroes not doing their duty he
shall and may make Sale of the whole of the property with the
Exceptions herein after named Sale to be conducted in the same way
all Executors and Administrators Sales are and when the money due
from said Sale is collected and all expenses paid. I give and devise
as follows

Item I give and devise to my wife Elizabeth the property she had when we were married to her, and her heirs for ever. —

I then I give and devise unto my Daughter Jane One negro girl Em-
-ely and Paul Negro to continue in the family untill she (Jane) marries
or leaves home and one horse saddle and bridle one Cow and calf one
bed and furniture kitchen and beds and ten dollars worth of crop-
-board and kitchen furniture, the Horse to worth fifty dollars to
have and to hold to her and her heirs forever.

When I give and devise unto my Daughter Harriet the first Child Sarah & Mark's Wife has that is a living and proper Child and son

Sarah Harris wife has that is a living and proper Child one Cow
and calf one bed and furniture one wheel and bars one saddle
and bridle and one Bureau which her mother had to have and
to hold to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and devise unto my grand Daughter Harriet Stevens
fifty five dollars which was her mothers and ten dollars beside out of
my own Estate to have and to hold to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and devise unto my Grand Daughter Mary McCarlike
ten dollars to have and to hold forever.

Item I give and devise to my Son Absen H. Stevens the plan-
tation on which he now lives which has been run of late I have
made him no deed (by him paying into my Estate one hundred
dollars) to have and to hold forever.

Item my will and desire is that after taking out the adven-
-gements already made to my Children who have married and
settled with the devises and legacies above mentioned the residue of
property together with the negro boy Sampson who is to be sold at
my Decese the proceeds of which is to be applied to the payments
of my debts then due the balance of the property to be sold as above
named and the debts collected together with the proceeds of the sale
the whole to be divided then as follows all of the property which
my.

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my beloved wife Elizabeth. I have here above named to be Valued
and the Value thereof to be taken out of her distributive share of my
Estate, then to my Son Amos Stevens, Margaret Bivens, Nancy Tiers-
Hannah Carelaker, Abner H. Stevens, Squire Stevens Sen. Jane
Stevens & Harriet Stevens share and share alike untill they receive
as much as the Value of the property Valued for my wife then my wife
Elizabeth and the above named Children to share and share alike

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Son Amos
Stevens my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to Execute
this my last will and Testament according to the true Intent and
meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby
revoking and declaring utterly Void all other wills and Testaments
by me heretofore made —

In witness whereof I the Said Squire Stevens Sen do hereunto
set my hand and Seal this Tenth day of February A.D. 1844.

Signed Sealed and delivered by the Said
Squire Stevens Sen to his last will and
Testament in the presence of us who the Squire Stevens Sen
his request and in his presence we Sub-
scribe our names as witnesses there to

Matthew Phifer (Subst)

Wm H. —

Testament in the presence of us who the Squire Stevens saw
his request and in his presence we Sub-
scribe our names as witnesses there to

Matthew Phifer (Scriber)

Wmth Houston

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter

Union County — Session April Term 1844

The last will and Testament of Squire ^{Stevens} Deceased was Exhibited
in open Court by Amos Stevens the Executor therein mentioned and was
proven in due ^{form of law} by Matthew Phifer one of the Subscribing witnesses and
Ordered to be recorded —

Douglas Stuart C. C.

Thomas Godfrey's Last Will and Testament North Carolina

In the name of God Amen

I Thomas Godfrey of the County ^{of Union} in the State aforesaid being of
sound mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to
say) Firstly I desire that all my lawfull debts be paid & that my
property be disposed of in the following manner — 2^d

Myself I give and bequeath to my Wife Nancy Godfrey during her
life the plantation whereon I now reside together with all my stocks