

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the sixteenth day of September in
the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty
Eight I James Stephenson of the State of South Carolina
and the county of Chester weaver being very sick and weak of
body but of sound mind & memory thanks be to God for it
calling to mind the mortality of my Body Knowing that it is
appointed a ce for all men to die doth make ordain this my
last will & Testament that is to say Principally Imprimus I
give and Recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God
that gave it & my body I do recommend to the Earth to be
buried in a decent Christian form at the discretion of my ex
ecutors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection
I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and
as to ching such worldly Estate wherein it hath pleased God to
bless me with in this life. I give and dispose the same as
follow with to wit, I give and bequeath unto Rose Stephenson
my dearly beloved wife one half of plantation that I now live
on During her widowhood and after that term of time I give and
Bequeath the same to my son Robert Stephenson the other half
of my Plantation I give & Bequeath unto my dearly beloved son
& daughter James Stephenson & Mary Stephenson to be Equally
Divided between them and all the remaining of my Estate to
be Equally Divided amongst them and all my debts I allow to be
collected & all my just debts and funeral Charges paid off
in the first Place and the Remained to be dealt with as the
Law Directs-----

Likewise I Constitute & appoint & ordain my well beloved son
William Stephenson Executor & my well Beloved wife Rose
Stephenson Executrix of this my Last will and Testament and
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named willed Bequeathed Ratifying this and no other to
be my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year first above
written

James Stinson (LS)

Signed Sealed & Pronounced & Declared

In the Presence of

Andrew Lemphill
her
Elizabeth Braidy
mark

Probated, April 1796

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