

John H. Stampers in the name of God Amen: I John H. Stampers of the County
of Transylvania ~~and~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} Court of the said County of Transylvania
do make and publish this as my last will & testament
hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made:
First I give ~~the~~ ^{and} bequeath to my wife Sarah B. during her life
or widowhood the tract of land on which I reside purchased
by me of Col James Lewis containing one hundred & seventy
acres more or less ~~and~~ ^{and} one other tract of land adjoining County
one and one half acres purchased by me of Anderson B. ~~and~~ ^{and} at the death or marriage of my said wife I give ~~the~~ ^{and} bequeath
the said tract of land to my son William H. Stampers & his
heirs forever ~~and~~ ^{and} I give to my said wife during her life
or widowhood the following my own right household & his wife
Mary & her future increase ~~and~~ ^{and} her son Dickey ~~and~~ ^{and}
her future increase ~~and~~ ^{and} Jerry ~~and~~ ^{and} his wife Margaret ~~and~~ ^{and} their
future increase I also give to my said wife absolutely the
following negroes viz John, Lelia & Lizzie I bequeath to my wife
during her life or widowhood all my stock of every
description all my household ~~and~~ ^{and} kitchen furniture ~~and~~ ^{and}
farming utensils upon consideration that she pays all
the debts which I may owe at my death I should my
will and desire is that all the negroes and their increase
given to my wife during her life or widowhood
shall at her death or marriage be equally divided among my
following named children except as herein otherwise dis-
posed of viz: Calma & Thim ~~and~~ ^{and} John H. Stampers divide to
Stampers Mary & Strouds two children Emma & Frazier ~~and~~ ^{and}
Rebecca Stampers equally share ~~and~~ ^{and} share alike amongst
two children to be divided one share, fourth, I share given
I do now bequeath to my daughter Calma & Thim my
negro girl Danna to my son George H. Stampers my negro
girl Elizabeth ~~and~~ ^{and} her increase to my daughter Sarah
Metcalfe my negro girl Moriah & her increase & my negro
boy Frank I give ~~the~~ ^{and} bequeath to my son Albert
Stampers my negro boy Andrew to my daughter Emma
H. Frazier my negro girl Evadne ~~and~~ ^{and} her future increase ~~and~~ ^{and} at the
death or marriage of my wife my negro Thomas Morgans
I give to my son Francis ~~and~~ ^{and} her future increase ~~and~~ ^{and} to my daughter
Rebecca my negro girls Lillia, Lotty & Lucretia ~~and~~ ^{and} their increase
out of the property I leave to my wife one horse, Bridle
and saddle worth one hundred & seventy five dollars one
cow & calf I give ~~the~~ ^{and} bequeath to my son George H. Stampers a
tract of land lying on both sides of the River purchased
by me of the Morris containing thirty five acres more or
less also one other tract of land purchased by me
of Sate Morris adjoining the lands of M. King & others
containing one hundred acres more or less I desire that my
will be done is that at the death or marriage of my

This all the estate of my dear wife Mary D. Sturges and
 household and her share of furniture and furniture and
 the crops on hand the stock they may have and the proceeds
 when collected be equally divided among all my children
 share and share alike Mary Sturges two children to receive
 one share " I give and bequeath to Mary Sturges two children
 my boy Charles and girl Hannah Jr. and John increase and to my
 son David and daughter all Carpenter and Blacksmith John
 Black Smith shop, I give and bequeath rest of the amount
 which may be owing to me at my death to my daughter
 Calma C. Sturges and hundred dollars to my son George H. Sturges
 six hundred dollars to my daughter Emma H. Frizzell eight
 hundred dollars and my daughter Rebecca the remainder thereof
 I give all the residue of my estate I give and bequeath to my
 children Calma C. Sturges George H. Sturges Mary Sturges two
 children Emma H. Frizzell and Rebecca Sturges equally share
 and share alike Mary Sturges two children to receive one
 share " I bequeath all the property hereby bequeathed to my
 daughter and grand daughter I give to them for their sole and
 separate use not to be subject to the debts of their present
 or any future husbands but is to be held by the trustees
 hereinafter appointed for their sole benefit the trustees hereby
 appointed are hereby authorized and empowered to sell any of
 said property and convert the proceeds in other property to be
 held by them in the same manner aforesaid. George H. Sturges
 is hereby appointed trustee for his wife Calma C. Sturges
 Frizzell is hereby appointed trustee for his wife Emma
 H. Frizzell is hereby appointed and constituted guardian
 and trustee for my daughter Rebecca " I hereby constitute and
 appoint my sons George H. Sturges and David Sturges
 executors of this my will and Testament March 15th 1858
 signed seal and published in presence of
 our friends and subscribers
 our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of and at the request
 of the Testator
 John H. Sturges for Frizzell