

Robert Stephenson

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In the name of God amen this eleventh day of May in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety three I Robert Stephenson of Jefferson County state of North Carolina being of a sound Judgment and memory as usual do thank God He and now calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing it is appointed for all men to die He do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of God who gave it me, my body I commend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like shroud at the discretion of my executor and executrix herein after mentioned He and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I devise and dispose of in manner and form following to wit. That my just debts and funeral charges be first paid. Item I give to my well beloved wife Mary whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my Executrix of this my last will and testament, the one third of the benefits of my plantation, also the mansion house and barns and bed furniture and household furniture till her decease and then to be equally divided between my two youngest children to wit Mary & to Sarah Stephenson except the one third the benefits of do Hered. Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Waddell ten shillings Virgin's money. Item I give to my daughter Fran Waddell ten shillings Virgin's money. Item I give to my son John Stephenson ten shillings Virgin's money. Item I give to my son Edward Stephenson whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my Executor of this my last will and testament my Smith tools and to have privilege of the Smith shop and timber for coals as long as he continues on the plantation and three hundred acres of land laying on Poplar creek emptying into Clinch River (over County in this territory). Item I give to my two sons to wit Robert Stephenson one Andrew Stephenson five

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last sons to wit James Stephenson Alexander Cannon Stephenson

My plantation that I now live on to be divided in quantity & quality between them and the rest of my estate after my debts is paid to be equally divided between four of my children to wit Robert Andrew Mary and Sarah. And I do hereby utterly disavow revoke and disannul all and every the former testaments wills legacies bequests and executors hereinafore named written and hereunto subscribed and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this say and year above written. Signed Sealed published pronounced in and attested by the said Robert Stephenson as his last will and testament. He so saying as the subscribers.

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Art Stephenson. (Seal)

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