

Robert Stephens' Will.

The Last Will & Testament of Robert Stephens of the County of Lincoln & State of Tennessee: Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life & being in sound mind & memory thanking Almighty God for the same. I do make this last will and Testament in manner & form following. Viz. I will that all my just debts as shall be by me owing at my death, with my funeral expences shall in the first place be paid. I give & bequeath to my beloved son Samuel Stephens the tract or parcel of land that I now live on containing 177 acres also 30 acres lying bounded by William Pollock & Benjamin Nokes. I give & bequeath to my second son James Stephens one negro woman Raney & her two children Robert & Eliza. I give & bequeath to my third son David Stephens one negro man Peter & negro woman Silva. I give & bequeath to my fourth son Henry Stephens three hundred dollars in money. I give & bequeath to Robert Randolph Stephens son of Samuel Stephens one hundred dollars in money. I give & bequeath to my grand daughter Sarah Ann Franklin the daughter of David Franklin one negro girl Eliza with her offspring. And if Sarah Ann Franklin shall depart this life before the age of eighteen years or her marrying then the said girl shall be the property of Theophilus Franklin the son of David Franklin. I will that Sarah Ann Mother Sarah Franklin the wife of David Franklin shall have the use of the girl Eliza during Sarah Ann minority or death. also I give to the said Sarah Ann one bed, bedstead & furniture & one horse and harness. I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah Franklin the wife of David Franklin twenty dollars in money. I give & bequeath to my grand son Theophilus Franklin the son of David Franklin one bed bedstead & furniture. I give to my negro woman Liddy one hundred dollars in money. also the said Liddy to have the liberty of living with any of my children that she may like best. I give to my negroes Ned, Peter Silva & Raney ten dollars each in money. I will that my negro Ned shall be sold to the highest bidder on a

twelve months credit. also I will that all my stock of all kind with all farming utensils, with Household & Kitchen furniture be sold on twelve months credit. I will that if there be a residue of moneys left these moneys shall be equally divided between Tennessee Stephens & Gallory Stephens the daughter of Samuel Stephens & Charity Ann Stephens the daughter of Jonah Stephens.

I do nominate & appoint Charles Wright of the County of Lincoln & State of Tennessee & John Moorhead of the County aforesaid. Executors of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this November the 10th 1835.

Robert Stephens (Seal)

Signed sealed published & declared by the above named Robert Stephens to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us, who at his request & in the presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Henry^{Wm} Warren (Seal)

J. B. Ramsey (Seal)

The foregoing will of Robert Stephens was established at the June Term 1837 of the Circuit Court of Lincoln County.