

Matthew Stephensons Will.

shall be sent to the State of Ohio within two years from this date, by my executor, and further give and devise to the said Fanny the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid in such manner as my executor shall think proper, and as he shall, esteem best for her benefit.

7. My will and desire is that my black boy named Alfred shall live with and remain on the farm with my wife for the period of five years, at the end of which time, if he conduct himself in dutiful and obedient manner, my will is that he shall be emancipated, and shall receive the sum of one hundred dollars and should he be willing and desirous to emigrate to Liberia, he is to be sent out there at the expense of my estate.

8. I give and bequeath to my brother John Stephenson, my wearing apparel, wearing utensils and gun.

9. To my sister Elizabeth McEuen I give and bequeath my spectacles.

10. The residue of my estate real and personal of every kind and description whatsoever I give and devise to my brother John Stephenson and my sister Elizabeth McEuen to be equally divided between them, and to have and to hold to them and their heirs forever. And whereas my brother John Stephenson and myself were partners in trade and a number of deeds, mortgages and other instruments were taken by us to secure debts due the firm, and in many instances, the said instruments were executed in my individual name, altho we were both interested it is understood that I desire only my own portion of said real estate. My will is that all the land so purchased or procured by my said executor shall have power to sell and convey on such terms as he may think proper. The plantation on which I now live is an exception, as this is in my own right. The farm purchased from McEuen, from McCarroll and one from George Loringham in Greene County, and some lots in Leesburgh, altho the deeds are in my name, yet my brother is equally interested in the same, and there may be some others in the same situation, which if there should be, I desire my brother shall have the one half of them. In the division of the residue of my estate to my brother and sister, I design to include the farm in which a life estate is given to my wife, but they are not to have and enjoy the same until after the death of my wife. I give to my executor herein after named full power and authority to execute deeds of conveyance for any lands that may have sold and not yet executed as of conveyances.

It is my will and I hereby so declare it, that all the

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debits and debts of money herein mentioned shall be paid by my executor in current Bank notes, and I further direct that my executor shall not be compelled to pay the legal end from two to five years from my decease.

I further more appoint my dear brother John Stephenson sole executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made, and my desire is that he be exempted from giving security for the performance of the duties herein imposed upon him.

Whereas I have entered into partnership with Mr. Isaac McPherson in the sale of goods in the town of Leesburgh for the period of five years from the date of the article, my will is that the said partnership shall be continued by my executor until the expiration of the partnership by terms of agreement.

Having subscribed for ten shares in the Charleston and Cincinnati Railroad Company and paid one instalment, in the same, I hereby assign the said ten shares to the said company as they now are.

Out of my share of the profits in my store in Leesburgh in which Isaac McPherson is a partner, I give two hundred dollars to the said Isaac McPherson, for the use and trust of his son Matthew McPherson.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 12th day of February, 1838.

Matthew Stephenson (Test)
Signed and sealed in the presence of the undersigned, who witnessed the same at the request of the testator, in his presence and in the presence of each other as his last will and testament.
Test

Seth S. Mr. Luskby, the foregoing will was proven in open Court by the oaths of Seth S. Mr. Luskby, Henry Buchanan, James Patton, Henry Buchanan, James Patton, subscribing witnesses thereto at Term 18

James Ballingers Will.

I James Ballinger of Washington County and State of Tennessee do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and for the following, that is to say, I wish my property not to be sold at public auction but to be sold under the care of an agent and at

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of my family to be sold by my executors and as fast as anything can be spared from the family to be sold by my executors and the proceeds applied to the payment of my just debts. And when my youngest child comes of age and my debts all paid then all my estate both real and personal to be divided amongst my wife and children equally.

And lastly - I do appoint and ordain my wife Polly executrix and my son Bluford Ballinger executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

James Ballinger Test

My new seal and declared to be the last will and testament of James Ballinger this 25th day of March 1837 and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

John Blair
Mark L. Fieles
The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oaths of John Blair & Mark L. Fieles the subscribing witnesses thereto at
Term 18 and records

John Lowans Will.

I John Lowans of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind that it is appointed to all men once to die, do therefore make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: first all I commend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be buried in decent Christian manner, at the discretion of my executors, and that all my just and personal expenses be paid out of my estate before there is any division of the same. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Lowans one third part of my personal estate to be for her use and at her disposal & the whole of my lands to be used for the common benefit of my wife and for the maintenance of my and education of my children during the lifetime of my wife and at her decease it is my will that all the property both real and personal that may belong to my estate be equally divided amongst my dear children, namely my daughter Sarah P. Lowans and my sons John F. Lowans, James M. Lowans, William Lowans and Joseph Lowans, to each of them share and share alike, but should any of my children have received any part of my estate before the death of their mother it is to be charged to them in their settling their portion of the estate. It is my will that should my next boy William continue in his studies and should have a good and godly character until the

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commencement of the year 1840, then and in that event he is to be free. It is my desire that the society having in view the spread of the Gospel and ameliorating the condition of the human family, should prosper and flourish. I therefore recommend to my family to contribute some part of my estate to these objects especially to the Bible Society. It is my will that my executors be at liberty to sell any part of my personal estate at any time and in any manner they may judge for the interest and benefit of my estate. Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Sarah Lowans executrix and Matthew Stephenson executor of this my last will and testament without requiring any security of them.

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Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared by the Testator to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto this twenty fifth of March eighteen hundred and thirty five
Paul B. Cunningham
Mary A. Stephenson

Saturday Morning Oct. 19. 1839

On Monday last John Lowans told me that I wrote him a Will made by him amongst the papers of my father, and that it might just remain until it was needed, and as the executor named in the Will was dead, he wished Ebenezer L. Mothes to supply his place.

John Stephenson

Proven by John Stephenson and James Lowans Nov. Term 1839.

The foregoing Will was proven in open court by the oaths of Paul B. Cunningham and Mary A. Stephenson the subscribing witnesses thereto at Nov. Term 1839 and records.

William Thacker's Will.

State of Tennessee
Washington County
On the name of God, Amen

I William Thacker of the County and State of Tennessee, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory disposing myself as make this my last will and testament.
First. It is my will, and desire that all my just debts be paid and also my funeral expenses be settled out of my estate.
Secondly - It is my will, and desire that my beloved wife Mary have all my property, both personal and real after my decease, which is as follows to wit: forty acres of Land, be the same more or less, it being the same whereon I now live and also being a personal