

# William Jackson's Will

Bartara my daughter shall each have two hundred pounds of Pork next fall after the same is taken out of my grain each and the wool and flax in my possession.

Twelfth - It is my will and my desire that what Bacon is on hand shall belong to son Willie and my daughter Barbara, for their support until next fall.

Thirteenth - It is my will and desire that my son Willie and my son Smith and my daughter Barbara shall each have a feather bed, bedstead and furniture each of equal value, out of the furniture of my house, and it is also my will and desire that my daughter Barbara shall have my corner cupboard, and all the cupboard furniture.

Fourteenth - It is my will and desire that all my kitchen furniture shall be divided between my son Willie and my daughter Barbara alone and share alike.

Fifteenth - It is my will and desire that my son Willie shall have the team complete for two horses, that is four horses in a team, and two ploughs of his own choice on my farm.

Sixteenth - I hereby renounce all claim to three head of hens and a parcel of hogs that my son Willie has raised on my farm. I do this to remove any misunderstanding hereafter between my children.

Seventeenth - It is my will and desire that after the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses, all the rest and residue of my personal estate of every kind whatsoever, which is not herein set particularly hereunder, shall be sold by my executors herein after mentioned, at such credit as they shall deem advisable & the money arising therefrom shall be equally divided between all my children, namely, Jacob Jackson, Peter Jackson, George Jackson, Deborah Fullerton, Samuel Jackson, Willie Jackson, Smith Jackson, and Barbara Jackson, and so forth.

I do hereby appoint my two sons, George Jackson and Peter Jackson executors of this my last will and Testament and as I have great confidence in their integrity, I for that reason do not wish them to give security for executing this my will, as this is the only will I have ever made. In testimony of this being my only will I hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of July 1851.

The foregoing last will and Testament was acknowledged before us who have witnessed the same as witnesses whereunto we have affixed our hands this day and date above written.

William Jackson *his*  
Signed and sealed this 26th day of July 1851

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John Kennedy  
Charles Bacon  
Daniel Barron  
of the oaths of Charles Bacon and Daniel  
Daniel Barron  
Barron, two of the subscribing witnesses  
thereat  
Term 18 and recorded

# Matthew Stevenson's Will

I Matthew Stevenson of the county of Washington and state of Tennessee, do make and ordain this as my last will and Testament. Believing it a duty to dispose of my property with which Providence has blessed me. I make, ordain and appoint the disposal of my estate in following manner.

Item 1. To the American Bible Society I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars, to be paid to the treasurer of that society or wherever else may be authorized to receive.

Item 2. To the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid to the treasurer or secretary of said Board, or who ever else may be authorized to receive the same.

3rd. To the American Colonization Society I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars, to be paid to the treasurer of the same.

4th. To my sister and friends James Cowan and Mary Ruful I give and bequeath the sum of Three hundred & thirty four dollars each.

15th. To my beloved wife Mary A. Stevenson I give and bequeath the mill and plantation on which I live, during her natural life. I further give and bequeath to my said wife and to her heirs all the personal property in the house and about the mill and farm on which I now live, consisting of household & kitchen furniture, horses, cattle, hogs, wagons, grain etc, with the exception of twenty barrels of flour which is to be made for the store. I also give and bequeath to my said wife absolutely and to dispose of as she may think proper my negro boy Boby. In addition to all this, I further give and desire to my said wife the sum of five thousand dollars, to be paid by my executor at the time herein often stated, any note that may hold on my wife's death is included in the devise to her to be placed under her control and to be given to her in the payment of the same.

6. In black ink. Name and date not legible.

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shall be sent to the State of Ohio within two years from the date, by my executor, and further give and devise to the girl Fanny the sum of one hundred dollars to be vested 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 deserve 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, surveying utensils and gun.

9. To my sister Elizabeth McLean 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 McLean 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 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 McLeanis, from Mcbarele and one from George Lanningham in Greene County, and some lots in Lessburgh, 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 plantation, which if these 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 desire 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 hereinafter named full power and authority to execute deeds of conveyance for any lands that may have sole and not yet executors as to my executors.

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

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bequests and devises 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 legacies 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 Lessburgh 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 Charleton and Cincinnati Rail road company and paid one instalment in the same, & thereby claim the said ten shares to the said company as they now are.

Out of my share of the profits in my store in Lessburgh 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  
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.

Seth & W. Latty For the foregoing will was drawn in open court of the oaths of Seth & W. Latty  
James Patten For the foregoing will was drawn James Patten  
witnessing witnesses thereto at Term 18

## James Ballingers Will.

I James Ballinger of Washington County and State of Pennsylvania do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, I wish my property not to be sold at public auction but to be left over the case of my executors.