

William Stephenson's Will

In the name of God Amen

I William Stephenson of the County of Washington in the
 Territory of the United States South of Ohio (or State of Maryland) being weak of body but of perfect
 mind & memory Thanks be given unto God the Lord, but calling to mind the Mortality of Man
 and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make & ordain this My
 last will and testament That is to say, I humbly and piously and godly give & bequeath
 to My dear wife Elizabeth that gave me and my body I recommend to the care of
 God to be buried in a Christian Christian manner at the discretion of My Executors
 according but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty
 power of God - and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God
 to bless me with in this life I give & bequeath of the same in the following
 manner & form - I give, give my wife and I hereby order that my just debts
 and funeral charges, be paid out of my personal estate, before there be any division
 of the same, Then I give and bequeath to my dear and well beloved wife Elizabeth Stephenson
 the said wife and Appoints forever, to be to her own use and Dispose, One One, certain
 furniture and all their part of all my personal estate, Also I give & bequeath
 to her during his natural life or widowhood, one third part of the plantation, in and
 upon, which is included in three Tracts, which third part, do include the dwelling
 house and other out houses and are their part of the land now and called the
 plantation, And whereas I give a letter of Attorney to Robert Lupton of Rockingham
 in the County of Virginia, authorizing him to sell a tract of land lying
 in the County of Loudoun - one of the said Robert Lupton hath now sold a tract of
 said tract of land before my decease, value given and bequeath to my said wife
 Elizabeth, fifty pounds of the price of the said tract, on Condition that my said
 wife will execute a deed to the Purchase of said land, so as to disclaim her
 of down in said land - the aforementioned gift, pursuant to be paid in Virginia
 one dollar at six Shillings then, I give and bequeath to my well beloved son
 William Stephenson, his heirs and Appoints forever, all the Tracts of land on which I have
 written of Appointments, which I allow the Executors of this my last will
 and Testament, to put him in possession of the two thirds parts of at the time he
 comes at the age of Twenty one years - and to possess the other third part at the time
 he reaches the age of Twenty three years, It is my will and I do allow that my daughter
 Elizabeth shall have a right to live with my said son & bequeath the said plantation
 now lot to him, whilst she lives a single life - And my will is, and I do further
 allow that my said son William provide sufficient and comfortable diet and
 lodging for my said daughter whilst she lives single, free and clear of any
 expense - Then, I give and bequeath to my well beloved son John Stephenson, his
 heirs and Appoints forever, all that Tract of land with its appurtenances, which
 I purchased of William Houston, joining, Land of Robert Allen & others
 Then - I give & bequeath to my well beloved daughter Elizabeth one half of the
 whole amount of sale of the lands lying in the County of Rockingham in the State
 of Virginia, which it is or may be sold for and is now sold, bequeath, and I
 bequeath to her - And further I am bound to

William Stephenson: *WSD*

When two thirds of the residue of the sale of my lands lying in the County of Rockingham in the State of Virginia - And that the remaining one third upon request to my wife below son Mathias. Each Legatee shall have a right to claim, when they shall arrive to full age, of my Executors, their proportionable part of the sale of the aforesaid lands in Virginia (I promise to have a bill in a mummy from such sale collected). Then I give & bequeath to my wife Eliza who Mathias and John are daughters Elizabeth the undersigned two thirds of my personal estate, to be equally divided amongst them, when and when able to be paid to them respectively at full age (to wit, Mathias when at twenty and an Elizabeth at eighteen) - then, I give & bequeath to John, my son - in case he should survive to be of full age and abiding being the time of his being in the State of Virginia (I promise to bequeath to him a property, that may be useful to him and to him & his heirs at the discretion of my Executors, but not to be given to him only, he should continue to be his father's dependent. I consider that the Article, but in to be given said John by his Executors, is a debt upon my estate, and to be allowed a credit for before then be any division - And if it should so happen that my lands in Rockingham County should not be sold by Ralph L. & Co. my Executors - I should require that one or, if he may, two of my Executors should be directed to care to the ends for the same, when my will is that no more of my personal estate should be sold than that be necessary to be sold for the payment of my last debts & expenses - but that to be a gift of my lands and left in the hands of the Legatee for him benefit & enjoyment under the direction of my Executors. Which I should agree to my Executors at any time that it is not likely to be injurious to the benefit of my heirs - then and in that case I allow my Executors to sell it. I do constitute, make & ordain my wife below wife Alice Stephens Executors and my son Mathias and my Brother David Stephens of Augusta County, State of Virginia Executors of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disavow, revoke and disclaim all and every the former Testaments, wills and Executors by me in any way before named and made, ratifying 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 5th month day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty six (My Brother) delivered before signing) Mrs Stephens John Stephens David Stephens pronounced and declared by the P^rson Stephens in the last will statement in the presence of us who in his presence & in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names. -

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Henry Genberg's will
 In the Name of God Amen

1809. First My wife Sarah shall have all my moveable property that I possess Secondly My wife beloved wife Sarah shall have my land as long as she remains my widow and after her death to my father or his heirs Thirdly it is my will that my father shall pay thirty dollars that I owe upon the land Town Plot It is my will that Thome Bowman shall be my executor and be that my heirs to be settled This will was made in Washington County State of Tennessee signed & delivered in the presence of us
 Henry & Genberg (read)
 The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oath of Thome Bowman, Richard Bowman, & Sarah Genberg two of the subscribing witnesses in the presence of the Court.

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John Adams Will

In the Name of God Amen

I John Adams of the County of Washington being now well & of sound mind & memory knowing the uncertainty of this life and that all flesh is subject to mortality as it is appointed for all men once to die do hereby in and to have my temporal affairs in as settled a way as possible to make a last will and testament which after recommending my soul to God who gave it with due submission and resignation I will as followeth (1811) That all my just debts however due & owing shall & may be satisfied and paid in convenient time after my decease by my executor hereinafter named Thome I give & bequeath to my wife beloved daughter Mary Henley one bar & a common Bible Thome I give & bequeath to my wife beloved son Samuel Hardy one common Bible Thome I give & bequeath to my wife beloved daughter Lady Platt one common Bible Thome I give & bequeath to my wife beloved daughter Mary one common Bible Thome I give and bequeath to my wife beloved son William all my right title & claim to one hundred & eighty acres of land on big bottoms being the plantation whereon I now live to live and his heirs for ever and likewise all the remaining part of my personal estate except a small sum & the price of two years schooling which I give to James Moore who is now at school with the proviso that my wife beloved wife Agnes shall have & enjoy one full third part of my estate both real & personal during her natural life and at her decease shall be equally divided between her son & her daughter to whom she is next of kin. Lastly I do nominate & appoint my son Samuel Hardy John Adams & James Montgomery executors of this my last will & testament & assenting all & every other will or wills whatsoever by me herebefore made signed sealed published & acknowledged by the testator John Adams to be his last will and testament in force & effect.

John Adams (read)

The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oath of John Adams one of the subscribing witnesses in the presence of the Court.
 John Adams, Samuel Hardy, William Adams & James Montgomery qualified as executors of the foregoing will.

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Alexander McEwen Will

In the Name of God Amen

Alexander McEwen of the County of Washington and Territory South of the Ohio being now well & of sound mind & memory knowing the uncertainty of this life and that all flesh is subject to mortality as it is appointed for all men to die do hereby in and to have my temporal affairs in as settled a way as possible to make a last will & testament which after recommending my soul to God who gave it with submission and a humble resignation I will as followeth (1811) That all my just debts however due & owing shall & may be satisfied and paid in convenient time after my decease by my executor hereinafter named Thome I give & bequeath to my son John McEwen to have his share and appear for ever the land whereon I now live with the improvements thereunto belonging containing by estimation one hundred and eighty acres of land with the same that my wife Margaret McEwen shall have and enjoy one third part of said land including the house & improvements during her widowhood Thome I give & bequeath to my son George McEwen to have his share and appear for ever one hundred and twenty five acres of land here by his deeds appertaining to the above mentioned lands also my will is that my son John shall pay out of his part one hundred and ten pounds which shall be equally divided between my two sons James McEwen & Robert McEwen likewise my will is that my son George shall pay seventy pounds to be equally divided between the above named sons Thome I give & bequeath to my wife is that my personal estate shall not be exposed to sale but shall remain in the hands of the executor for the benefit of my family till they are of age also my will is that if my daughter Sarah McEwen shall remain her father when she is of age at the discretion of my executor according to the property they have then in their hands and in case to provide for a child that is yet unborn my will is if it should be a boy that it shall be made equal in part to my other boys that have no lands by each of the four paying a proportionable part out of their share to him - And if it should be a girl to settle upon a home with my above mentioned daughter Sarah and as to my personal estate my will is that it be divided amongst my children when they come of age at the discretion of my executor. Lastly I do nominate and appoint Thome Mathis Andrew Hannah & Margaret McEwen executors of this my last will & testament and revoking all and every other will or wills whatsoever by me herebefore made signed sealed published & acknowledged by the testator Alexander McEwen to be his last will & testament in the presence of the Court.

James Montgomery
 John Mathis
 The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oath of John Mathis one of the subscribing witnesses in the presence of the Court.
 Alexander Mathis Andrew Hannah & Margaret McEwen qualified as executors of the foregoing will.