

According to Law, and further do make a just and True account of her Actings and Doings therein, when there is Required by the said Court; and Also shall well and truly pay and Deliver all the Legacies contained and Specified in the said Testament, as far as the said Goods, Chattels and Credits, will thereunto extend, and the Law shall charge: Then this Obligation to be void and of none Effect, or else to remain in full force and Virtue,  
Sealed and Delivered

In the Presence of

Lucy <sup>her</sup> Carter Seal  
<sup>mark</sup>  
In Loving Seal  
Howard <sup>his</sup> H. Cash Seal  
<sup>mark</sup>  
Job Carter Seal

At a Court held for Amherst County at the Court House the first Day of December 1766  
This Bond was acknowledged by the Parties hereto & ordered to be Recorded Test. Edmnd Wilcox Clerk

Edward Stephenson's Will

In the Name of God Amen. Edward Stephenson of Amherst County & Parish, being thro the a bountent Mercy and Goodness of God thro weck in Body yet of a sound & Perfect understanding & memory do hereby Constatute This my Last will & Testament I desire it to be received by all as such. In primum I most humbly requeth my Soul to God my maker Receaping his most gracious exceptence of it though the all sufficient Merits & Mediation of my most Compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ who gave himself to be an attonment for my sins and is able to save to the uttermost


Uttermost all that come unto God by him seeing he ever  
weth to make intercession for them & who I trust will  
not reject me a returning Penitent Sinner when I come to  
him for mercy in this hope & confidence I tender my  
Soul with comfort humbly Beceaching the most Blessed  
and Glorious Trinity one God most Holy most  
Merciful & gracious to prepare me for the time of my  
Dissolution & there to take me to himself into that  
peace & Rest and incomparable felicity which he has  
prepared for those that Love & fear his Holy name  
Amen. Blessed be God. Imprimis I give my Body to the  
Earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of  
it resurrection from thence at the Last day is for my  
Burial I desire it may be Decent at the direction  
of my Dear Wife & my Executors hereafter named  
Who I doubt not will manage it with all prudence  
as to my worldly Estate I will positively order  
that all my Debts be paid. Item I give to my Dear &  
Loving Wife a Third of the Land & on which I now live  
and also a Third of the Mill & her Benefits during her  
Life. I give to my Eldest son Robert Stephenson one  
Hundred & ten Acres of Land on which he now liveth  
that was laid <sup>out</sup> of this Tract that I now live upon  
to him & his Heirs forever. also I give to my son John  
Stephenson one Hundred & Twenty three acres of Land  
which he now liveth on to him & his Heirs forever  
Also I give to my son Edward Stephenson the  
Plantation on which I now live to him & his Heirs  
forever. Also I give to my son William Stephenson  
one Hundred & one Acres of Land it being the  
Remainder

Remainder of that tract which John Stephenson now  
lives to him & his heirs forever. Also I give & give to  
James Stephenson my wife's third at her Decease to  
him and his heirs forever. Also it is my desire that  
all my moveable Estate be sold and after paying  
my lawfull Debts that the remainder be Equally divided  
Between my Daughter Marger Stephenson, James  
Stephenson Elizabeth Stephenson & Mary Stephenson  
It is also my Will that my Four Daughters above  
mentioned live with there Mother & my son Edward  
untill the mary or a son as the please if unmarried  
I appoint my sons Robert Stephenson, John Stephenson  
& Edward Stephenson my hole & Sole Executors of this  
my Last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I  
have hereunto set my hand & Seal the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of  
September in the Year of our Lord 1766

Witness Fran<sup>s</sup>. Meriwether

William Simpson

Jn<sup>s</sup>. Thomson...

Edward Stephenson   
his  
mark

At a Court held for Amherst County at the Court  
House the Sixth Day of October 1766

This Last Will and Testament of Edward Stephenson  
Deceased was presented in Court by Edward  
Stephenson and John Stephenson two of the  
Executors therein named Robert Stephenson  
the other Executor renouncing the Executorship  
and proved by the oath of William Simpson one  
of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to lie for  
further proof: and at a Court held for the said  
County at the Court House the first Day of  
December