

...of remembered that I doth know of the coming of
...and a plate of silver being of this same weight and
...and knowing the uncertainty of this life
...and being desirous of to dispose
...as I have heretofore and hereby make my last will and
...in manner from following this day first after the payment of my debts &
...I have my wife Lucy Brown the person whom I have in marriage
...I have my negro boy named Isaac, Sarah, Jane, and
...Sarah the children and Barren all my personal property & furniture
...for and during the term of her natural life for her accommodation, support
...and support as much as I may hereafter otherwise dispose of 2^d I confirm the
...and gift heretofore made to my daughter Polly late Polly Green of a negro
...and also all things especially have advanced it being equal
...3^d I confirm the advancement and gift heretofore made
...of being to her name, Permelia, L. K. and
...and her three children
...and their increase) In trust for the use and benefit and education of my
...daughter Rebecca Dillard during her natural life and then to the use and
...benefit of her children & children. But if it should so happen that she should
...have no child or children living at the time of her death, in my will and testament
...then in that event the said slaves above mentioned and their increase shall be
...equally divided amongst my remaining daughters or their heirs. 5th I give &
...bequeath to my son Harrison Brown a negro girl named Martha the increase and the
...and benefit of her children equally. 6th I confirm the advancement & gift heretofore made
...to my daughter Ruby M. Thom of a negro girl named Maria and one hundred dollars
...in money making her equal in value both parts. I give my other daughters, 7th I give
...and bequeath to my daughter Anna Maria a negro girl named Ann, and
...her furniture as also one feather bed and furniture to be furnished out of the personal
...estate I have in my wife Lucy's estate and her heirs forever. 8th I confirm the gift and
...advancement heretofore made to my son Harrison of a negro boy named Nelson
...and I also give and bequeath to him eight hundred dollars to him as far as I am able
...for out of my land in the manner here of her present use. 9th I give & bequeath to my
...son Scott a negro boy named Miles. Also one feather bed and furniture to be
...furnished out of the personal estate I have in my wife 10th I give and
...bequeath to my son Reuben M. a negro boy named Pindlem. Also one feather
...bed and furniture to be furnished out of the personal estate I have in my wife
...11th I give and bequeath to my son Scott & Reuben M. Brown my farm on which
...I have in and all my adjoining lands to be equally divided between them as to the
...to quantity and quality to them and their heirs forever subject however to the
...incumbrance of my wife Lucy's estate in the land during her natural life
...and also that they pay to my son Harrison eight hundred dollars heretofore
...made and value following installment. 12th I find hundred dollars to be paid
...one year after they come into the full possession and full use and value
...in two years from the date hereof and I do hereby certify that
...I have and bequeath my whole estate and that I have no other

personal property I have in this world and the increase of the same, and the care of my children and the care of my
...or the proceeds remaining for the use of her children to be equally divided amongst my
...daughters T. D. E. P. M. S. J. M. P. M. and M. P. M. and I do hereby
...my son Scott & Reuben M. Brown former promised and bequeathed to her and to
...benefit and enjoyment of my daughter Rebecca Dillard during her natural life and to
...to her children & children. But if it should so happen that she should have no child or
...children living at the time of her decease, in my will and testament then in that
...event that my son divide the said share with it in case equally amongst my daughter
...Polly Green & P. M. S. J. M. P. M. and Anna Maria or their heirs in case they are
...not all living at the time, and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my
...Harrison and Scott Executors to this my last will and testament according to the
...former will and testament by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
...set my hand and affixed my seal this 31st day of July 1800
Signed Sealed published & declared as for the last will
and testament of the aforesaid named Scott Brown in presence of
Henry W. Sneed, William B. Milam

I Scott Brown of the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky do hereby certify
publish this Codicil to be added to my last will and testament in manner following
in my last will I gave and bequeathed to my son Reuben M. Brown a negro boy named
and also the making of my will the said son Reuben has become blind it is now my will
I have that he have Harry in lieu thereof. And I now give and bequeath to my
negro boy Harry in lieu thereof whom and his heirs forever and I mean to my wife
Brown my negro boy Pindlem in lieu of Harry to be held in the same manner and
subject to the same conditions and conditions as the other slaves I have heretofore
it is my will & desire that this present Codicil be annexed to and made a part of my
will and testament aforesaid. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
day of May 1802

Signed Sealed published & declared as for a Codicil to the
last will & testament of the aforesaid named Scott Brown in presence of
John M. S. F. L. M.
Franklin County Arch June Term 1802

I Writing purporting to be the last will & testament and the Codicil thereunto
of Scott Brown deceased was produced in Court. And the said will was proved by the oath of
Henry W. Sneed and he the said Sneed further proved that William B. Milam the
Subscribing witness that he signed his name when present & that the signature of the testator
And the said Codicil was proved by the oath of John M. S. F. L. M. that he
Witness thereto that the said will & testament is proved to be according to what
accordingly
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A. H. R. M. S. F. L. M.

Thomas Foster of Franklin County and State of Kentucky do hereby certify
will and testament. I give and bequeath to my wife Lucy Brown my whole
and personal property and during the term of her natural life in
I have and bequeath my whole estate and that I have no other

last will which may vary at my death before my decease herein after named out
of my estate which shall make unto my son James and my daughter
my daughter Sally Hawthorn one dollar. This I do give to my daughter
Polly which are hundred fifty dollars. - Fourth I have sold to my son Samuel
Shale and my son-in-law Elisha Hawthorn, the sum whereof I do permit and
with the reservation of my own and my wife's life interest in the same I shall live
upon my wife. It is my will that she should retain the said interest in her
own right during her natural life. - Fifth I do to all the rest and residue
remainder of my personal estate goods & chattels (including all my slaves) &
their increase should there be any, of whatsoever kind or nature in the
County of Franklin and State of Kentucky I give & bequeath the same to
my beloved wife Jane Steele & my three youngest children, Jane Steele (to wit
to Stacey & Elizabeth McSteele) to be equally divided among them. My
said wife Jane Steele to have and hold the same in fee simple and at her death one
fourth part during her natural life and at her death the residue
of her said interest to be equally divided between my three youngest
children above named. To wit, Jane, Robt. C. & Elizabeth McSteele
the remaining half it is my will for my said wife to be base of and
may think proper in Sept. It is my will & desire that the lands
I hold in Kennerly County in the State of Virginia (called the dead
property containing salt works, coal lands, & forest land, as also
the proportion of two of the estates I may be entitled to as heir & legatee of
John Steele deceased) be equally divided between my two sons
Samuel Steele & Robert C. Steele. - Finally I do hereby constitute &
appoint Samuel Steele & Robert C. Steele my two sons, executors
of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all other former wills
and testaments by me made, In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my Seal this 15th day of April 1836

Signed sealed published & declared
in the last will & testament of the
above named Robert Steele in the
presence of us 3 J. W. Noel
Francis Graham Reuben Carr

Robt Steele (Seal)

Franklin County Court April Term 1842
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decd was produced in Court and was proved by the Oaths of
Reuben Carr one of the subscribing Witnesses, and was proven by the
Oath of Charles P. Morris that the Signature of J. W. Noel another
subscribing witness to said will, that the Signature of the said J. W.
Noel is genuine whereupon it is ordered that the said will be
recorded which is done accordingly
alt

A. H. Kennaio. C. J. C.

Stephens
In the presence of my friends and neighbors I have made my last will &
of Kentucky, being most especially afflicted by a most cruel and distressing
but I should mind and memory, do give and devise the my last will & testament
having created all former wills by me made. Item after my death I desire
that the lands of which I shall die possessed by law with all my other estate of
Every kind description except slaves be sold by my executor herein after named
upon a reasonable credit, and of the proceeds of my death the whole of my
I give and bequeath unto my Children, Benjamin C. Stephens, Daniel McSteele
John Stephens, Sarah Stephens, Artemian Stephens, Varonah Lewis, and Sarah Lewis
and unto the said Benjamin C. Stephens, two other parts in trust for the sole and
separate use of Jane Steele and Jerry D. Stephens for the period of their lives and then to
their Children, and the heirs of their bodies forever to be held by them in equal shares
to the following condition that the slaves of which I am possessed be allotted to my daughter
as far as may be in part of her portion, which I do give to my said daughter
and the heirs of her body forever and also to the purchase of one horse saddle and
bridle of the value of one hundred dollars which I hereby make unto my grandson
William Henry Stephens son of Lewis Stephens and who is desired to have them
be arrived at the age of twenty one year should he not arrive at that age, the
bequest to him to go with my other estate to my other Children according to the
foregoing provisions. In making the foregoing provided provisions, my Children
who may remain unmarried at the time of my death are to receive an equal
advance to that which I have or may make to those of my said Children who
have married in my life time, my slaves are not to be sold, but to be divided
amongst my daughter as a part in part of her share except that my daughter's
share which is given to the said Benjamin C. Stephens, his heirs & posterity of the
same for life and at her death to the heirs of her body. In making the division of
said, I desire that it may be done by Commissioners to be appointed by the County
Court of Franklin for that purpose. I hereby constitute and appoint Benjamin
C. Stephens sole executor of this my last will and devise to him with full power
to do all acts necessary to carry it and the provisions hereof into full effect.

In Witness my hand and seal this 3rd day of August in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine
Signed Sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of us
J. D. Brown
John Stephens (Seal)

Franklin County Court April Term 1842
A Writing purporting to be the last will and testament
of John Stephens senr deceased was produced in Court and was proven
by the Oaths of Joseph Adams & James D. Brown the subscribing witnesses
thereunto and ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly
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A. H. Kennaio. C. J. C.

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In the name of God Amen I John Stephens being of sound mind and memory, do give and ordain this my last will & testament
to be published and read in my presence by my friends
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