

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. I give and bequeath to
my daughter Sally Hawthorn one dollar. Thine Sally give to bequeath to my daughter
Polly which one hundred fifty dollars. - Fourth having sold to my son Samuel
Steele and my son-in-law Elisha Hawthorn, the farm whereon I do pasture, and
with the reservation of my own for my wife, the interest in the same I should have
upon my wife. It is my will that she should retain the said interest in her
own right during her natural life. - Fifth. As 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 be
to be styled Elizabeth McSteele) to be equally divided among them. My
said wife Jane Steele to have and hold the same, in case I should die, during
one fourth part during her natural life and at her death the one half
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
which in Kentucky 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 T. W. Noel
Francis Graham Reuben Carr
Franklin County Court April Term 1842
A writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Robert Steele
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 F. Morris that the signature of T. W. Noel another
subscribing witness to said will, that the signature of the said T. W.
Noel is genuine whereupon it is ordered that the said will be
recorded which is done accordingly
at
A. H. Kennaio. C. J. C.

Stephens
In the name of God Amen I John Stephens being of sound mind and memory, do give and bequeath unto my daughter
Polly one hundred and fifty dollars, do give and bequeath unto my son James
one dollar, do give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally Hawthorn one dollar, do give and bequeath unto my son Samuel
Steele and my son-in-law Elisha Hawthorn, the farm whereon I do pasture, and with the reservation of my own for my wife, the interest in the same I should have
upon my wife. It is my will that she should retain the said interest in her own right during her natural life. - Fifth. As 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 be
to be styled Elizabeth McSteele) to be equally divided among them. My said wife Jane Steele to have and hold the same, in case I should die, during
one fourth part during her natural life and at her death the one half 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 which in Kentucky 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 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 decd 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
at
A. H. Kennaio. C. J. C.

For it is my mind that I do not know of the country of
Madagascar and I do not know of the name of the island
despising misery and knowing the uncertainty of this life
believe in all men must die and being desirous of to dispose
off all such worldly estate as I have had and do hereby make my last will and
testament in manner following: I do hereby first of all bequeath to my wife
Susan my wife Lucy Brown the farm which I now live in including
all the land I have adjoining together with the farming slaves, to wit, Juba, Isaac, Beck
Sarah, the children and Harri all my furniture, jewelry, utensils and furniture
of every description for and during the term of her natural life for her accommodation, comfort
and support except so much as I may hereafter otherwise dispose of. 2nd I confirm the
advancement and gift heretofore made to my daughter Polly late Polly Green of a negro
girl named Harrieth and also all things of property I have advanced it being good
title full share of my estate. 3rd I confirm the advancement and gift heretofore made
to my daughter Ephie (Penny) of a negro girl named Permelia. 4th I give and
bequeath to my son South Brown a negro woman named Flora and her three children
and their increase. I trust for the sake of my comfort and contentment of my
daughter Paluma I will 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, then my will and desire that
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 and
bequeath to my son Harrison Brown a negro girl named Martha the increase and interest for the
affairs use benefit and emolument of my daughter Lenna Henry during her natural life for the use
and benefit of her children equally. 6th I confirm the advancement and gift heretofore made
to my daughter Polly late Phoebe of a negro girl named Hephia and one hundred dollars
in money making her equal in value to the other. I give my other daughter, in the above
and bequeath to my daughter & her heirs a negro girl named Antoinette and
her future increase also one feather bed and furniture to be furnished out of the household
estate I loved my wife Lucy to her 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 and his heirs forever
for out of my land in the manner hereafter prescribed. 9th I give and bequeath to my
son South Brown a negro boy named Eliza. Also one feather bed and furniture to be
furnished out of the personal estate I owned my wife. 10th I give and
bequeath to my son Rubin M. a negro boy named Pendleton. Also one feather
bed and furniture to be furnished out of the personal estate I owned my wife.
11th I give and bequeath to my son South & Rubin M. Brown my farm and tract
I own in part all my adjoining lands to be equally divided between them according
to quantity and quality to them and their heirs forever subject however to the
incumbrance of my wife Susan's life estate in the land during her natural life
and also that they pay to my son Harrison eight hundred dollars and do let her
purchase with the following conditions: To wit, four hundred dollars to be paid
one year after they come into the full possession and four hundred dollars
in two years from the date they purchase the same. 12th My will and desire that
if any of the above named slaves or their children should die, then my will and desire that

personal property I owned her. To wit, four hundred dollars to be paid to my son
and the increase of the same. And I desire my children and their heirs forever to be
of the peace, remaining from the date when Susan is legally declared dead, my
daughter Polly (Penny) Green, James Henry Rubin M. Phoebe and her heirs
my son South & her heirs forever provided with the following: to wit, to be
benefit and emolument of my daughter Paluma Brown during her natural life and to
to her children or children. But if it should so happen that she should have no child or
children living at the time of her decease or my will and desire that then in that event
that my son South & her heirs should be in case equally amongst my daughter
Polly Green Phoebe, Lenna, Rubin and Anna Marshall or their heirs in case they are
not all living at the time, and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my
Harrison and both Executors to this my last will and testament, my executors
or former wife, and lastly my executor to be my executor. In Witness whereof I have here
set my hand and affixed my seal this 31st day of July 1810.
Signed Sealed published & declared as the last will
and testament of the above named South Brown in presence of
Henry W. Freed, William B. Milam
I South Brown of the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky do hereby make &
publish this Codicil to be read to my last will and testament in manner following: I have
in my last will I gave and bequeathed to my son Rubin M. Brown a negro boy named Isaac
and I desire the making of my will the said Pendleton has to come hand. It is now my will and
desire that he have liberty in law thereof. And I now give and bequeath to him my
negro boy Henry in law thereof and his heirs forever and I now to my wife Susan
Brown my negro boy Pendleton in lieu of Henry which I held under some manner and
subject to the same contingencies and distribution as the other slaves I owned her and lastly
it is my will & desire that the present Codicil to be annexed to and made a part of my last
will and testament aforesaid. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the 31st
day of May 1812.
Signed Sealed published & declared as the last will & testament of the
last named testament of the above named South Brown in presence of
John M. Stille F. L. Allen
Franklin County, Arch. June Term 1812.
A Writing purporting to be the last will & testament and the Codicil therein
of South Brown deceased was produced in Court. And the said will was proved by the oath of
Henry W. Freed. And he the said Freed further proved that William B. Milam, William
Substantive which that he signs his name as he became the executor of the last will.
And the said Codicil was proved by the oath of John M. Stille & F. L. Allen. William
Winters being the said will & Codicil is ordered to be recorded as follows
accordingly
At
A. H. Ransom, Clerk
Franklin Co.
I Thomas Foster of Franklin County and State of Kentucky do hereby make my last
will and testament. I bequeath to my wife Susan Brown my whole estate
and personal property and during the term of her natural life. I give
and bequeath to my son South Brown