

and bequeath for me and mine here to go through with it and where
a poor compensation for his trouble. — These I wish all my estate
and all personal and otherwise demands divided as follows equally
Between Joseph Reem the children of John Semmon and his wife
Fourth I give to my friend David Cox equal with Jo Reem
and John Semmon. Fifth I do hereby appoint Edmund Stanley
and Nathan Semmon my executor with full power to transact
all my business to take all my estate in possession to make any
conveyance or sale in my disputed claim, that they may think best
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 7th day of October 1841

Witness Joseph LeCompte
John Bradwell

James Reem (Seal)
name

Whereas I have heretofore made my last will & testament. Now I make
this a codicil to said will. Whereas I James Reem owning 492
acres of land in Shelby County but now in Henry as by reference to Deeds
18th Decr 1823 recorded in the Register's office of Kentucky in Frankfort
Book 15 page 602. I write & bequeath the same to my nephew Nathan
Semmon for his livelihood to be sold & taken care of me during my life
this being a gift given under my hand and seal this 29th day of Octr 1841
A.D. 1842 a.c.

Teste Charles Penn
John Plaine

James Reem (Seal)
name

This being a codicil of my former will having date October the 7th 1841

Teste Charles Penn
John Plaine

James Reem (Seal)
name

Franklin County Court November Term 1841

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James
Reem dec'd together with the codicil thereto annexed were produced
in Court, and the said will being proved by the Oaths of Joseph LeCompte
and John Bradwell the Subscribing witnesses thereto and the said
Codicil being proved by the Oaths of Charles Penn & John Plaine the
Subscribing thereto and the same are ordered to be recorded — Whereupon
the said will and codicil are duly recorded in my office

at H. H. Kennick Clerk

Plaine E. In the name of God Amen I Egebel Plaine of the County of Franklin State
of Kentucky being of sound mind & being of sound mind & being of sound mind
I thank God. And calling to mind the uncertainty of human life & being desirous
to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I give &
bequeath the same in manner following, That is to say, I give all my estate
both real and personal of what nature or kind soever it may be to my
two brothers Nathan and Simpson Plaine to be equally divided between
them say Nathan Plaine on half and Simpson Plaine on half. I wish
my beloved Brother Egebel Plaine to be my executor and my beloved Brother
Egebel Plaine to be my executor and my beloved Brother Egebel Plaine to be my executor

A year during the term of his natural life. In testimony whereof I have hereunto
hand and signed my seal this 15th January in the year of our Lord 1842
Signed & sealed, published & declared in presence of
Witnesses & testament of the above named
Egebel Plaine in presence of
Sol C. Bates, Chapman Herring
Conrad Brewer

Egebel Plaine (Seal)

Franklin County Court March Term 1842

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Egebel Plaine dec'd
was produced in Court & was proved by the Oaths of Sol C. Bates and Chapman Herring
two of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded in my office
at H. H. Kennick Clerk

Shirts In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin Shields of the County of Franklin State
of Kentucky being of sound mind & memory, this my last will and testament, hereby
making void all other wills previously made. 1st I give & bequeath my beloved
wife Lena Shields all my real and personal estate, of which I am now in possession
except my natural life term — 2d I give to my beloved grand children Rachel and
Polly Shields the same as their father would have been entitled to and each to be his or
her share — 3d I give unto my beloved sons Charles, Greenville, Samuel Shields
one horse each to be worth fifty dollars, the same as my other son John (deceased)
Merton and Henry Shields have received — 4th I give unto my daughter Reuben
Ford & Alexander Shields one Shillings each to be paid by my executors upon my decease
5th It is my wish that my beloved wife and children pay unto Mr John Plaine
the just sum of thirty eight dollars with interest from the date of this my last will
and testament — 6th It is my further wish that, after the death of my beloved
wife that all my my children except Reuben Ford & Alexander Shields have
an equal share of all that my Wife my have under possession at the time
of her death. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and signed
my seal this 30th day of September in the year of our Lord 1840

Teste Hedgesman Inphelt Jr

John B. Fuchs

Ben Shields (Seal)

George Todd

Franklin County Court January Term 1842

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Benjamin Shields dec'd was
produced in Court and was proved by the Oaths of Hedgesman Inphelt Jr & a Subscribing
Witness thereto, and was fully proved by the Oaths of said Inphelt Jr & John B. Fuchs &
George Todd the other Subscribing witnesses signed their names under hands and seals
in presence of the decedent. Whereupon it is ordered that the said will be recorded
as the last will of said Benjamin Shields dec'd which is done accordingly

at H. H. Kennick Clerk

Shirts In the name of God Amen. I Robert Shields of the County of Franklin State
of Kentucky being of sound mind & memory, hereby making void all other wills
previously made, I give & bequeath the same in manner following (1st) I give to my beloved
wife Lena Shields all my real and personal estate, of which I am now in possession
except my natural life term — 2d I give to my beloved grand children Rachel and
Polly Shields the same as their father would have been entitled to and each to be his or
her share — 3d I give unto my beloved sons Charles, Greenville, Samuel Shields
one horse each to be worth fifty dollars, the same as my other son John (deceased)
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wife that all my my children except Reuben Ford & Alexander Shields have
an equal share of all that my Wife my have under possession at the time
of her death. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and signed
my seal this 30th day of September in the year of our Lord 1840

last debt which may come at my death before my executor has been after named out of my estate which I hereby make with my wife and bequeath to my daughter Sally Hawkins and others. These I also give & bequeath to my daughter Polly Church one hundred fifty dollars - Fourth having sold to my son Samuel Steele and my son-in-law Eliza Hawkins the farm whereon I sit house and with the reservation of my own lot of my wife's life interest in the same I should like for 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 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 James Steele & my three youngish children, James Steele, Robert C Steele & Elizabeth McSteele to be equally divided among them. My said wife James Steele to have and hold the above real estate during one fourth part during her natural life and at her death the residue of her said interest to be equally divided between my three youngish children above named, viz, James, Robert C & Elizabeth McSteele the remaining half it is my will for my said wife to dispose of as she may think proper - Sixth It is my will & desire that the lands I hold in Henric County in the State of Virginia (called the dead property containing tract with Cone Run, & Forrest Land, & also the proportion of two of the estate I may be entitled to as her & legatee of John Steele dec'd State of North Carolina be equally divided among 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 1st day of April 1836 Signed Sealed published & declared for the last will & testament of the above named Robert Steele in the presence of us 3 T. W. Noel Francis Graham Reuben Carr

Robt Steele

Franklin County Court April Term 1842
A writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Robert Steele dec'd was produced in Court and was proven by the oath 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

att

A. H. McNeill C. for

In the presence of me James D. Brown one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Franklin, being well affected by a most accidental stroke of apoplexy my third but of sound mind and memory, do make and declare this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. I then after my usual manner that the lands of which I shall die possessed together with all my other estate of every kind description except slaves be sold by my executor herein after named to begin a reasonable credit, and after the payment of my debts the whole of my estate I give and bequeath unto my children, Benjamin C. Stephens, Daniel McSteele, John Stephens, Sarah Stephens, Estlin Stephens, Ann Maria Lewis, and Sarah Lewis and unto the said Benjamin C. Stephens, two other parts in trust for the life and separate use of Jane Stout and Lerry D. Stephens for the payment of their lives and then to their children, and the heirs of their father power to be held by them or equal claimants to the following condition that the slaves of which I die possessed be sold to my daughter as far as may be to make up their portions which I bequeath to my said daughter and the heirs of their father power and also to the bequest 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 John Stephens dec'd to be delivered to him when he arrives at the age of twenty one year should he not arrive at that age the bequest to him lose with my other estate to my other children according to the foregoing provision. 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 of their shares except my daughter Jane where which is given to the said Benjamin C. Stephens his heirs & posterity 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 invest him with full power to do all such necessary to carry it and the provisions thereof 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

John Stephens

J. D. Brown

Franklin County Court April Term 1842

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Stephens dec'd was produced in Court and was proven by the oath of Joseph Adams & James D. Brown the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly

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A. H. McNeill C. for