

Rich^d W. Steele
Will

24th Jan^y 1872

I, Richard W. Steele of the County of Union and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory; but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following: that is to say: - First: -

That my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent Burial; and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the first moneys that may come into his hands as a part of parcel of my Estate;

I give and devise to my daughter Mary S. Bullock, one Bed, Bedstead and furniture; One spinning Wheel; One choice Bow & Golf, to make her equal with Ellenor Jane who intermarried with S. H. Walker;

I give and devise to my grand son William Richard Steele, son of J. J. C. Steele; One black and white spotted Heifer;

I give and devise to my beloved wife Jane, all the balance of my property, to have as long as she lives; provided she lives longer than me; and at her death to be sold and equally divided between M. S. Bullock and Ellenor Jane, my two youngest Daughters; Should I live longer than my wife Jane, at my death I leave all my property - not Willing to Bullock and William Richard Steele; sold; and the proceeds equal

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whomsoever owing, out of the first money that may come into his hands as a part of parcel of my estate:

I give and devise to my daughter Mary S. Bulcena, one Bed, Bedstead and furniture; One spinning Wheel; One choice Cow & Calf, to make her equal with Ellenor Jane who intermarried with S. H. Walkup:

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I give and devise to my grand son William Richard Steele, son of J. J. C. Steele; One black and white spotted Heifer:

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I give and devise to my beloved wife Jane, all the balance of my property to have as long as she lives; provided she lives longer than me; and at her death to be sold and equally divided between M. S. Bulcena and Ellenor Jane, my two youngest Daughters; Should I live longer than my wife Jane, At my death I leave all my property - not Willing to Bulcena and William Richard Steele; sold; and the proceeds equally divided as before stated between M. S. Bulcena and Ellenor Jane: =

And lastly: I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend L. R. Bell, my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes, to execute this my Last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same. and every part and clause thereof: = Hereby revoking and declaring utterly

Last Will & Testament of R. W. Steele Concluded:

void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I the said Richard W. Steele do hereunto set my hand and seal:— This the 24th day of January A. D. 1872.

Signed sealed and published and declared by the said R. W. Steele to be his last Will and testament; in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence & in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses.

Thos: J. H. Stewart.

J. H. Stewart

R. W. Steele

John W.
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Will & Tes

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North Carolina Inferior Court:— In the Probate Court:

A paper purporting to be the last Will and testament of Richard W. Steele, dec'd, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate of said County, by J. R. Bell, the executor therein named; and the due execution thereof by the said R. W. Steele, by the oath of and examination of J. H. Stewart, sworn by John H. Haring & John M. Stewart, persons who prove the hand writing of testator & of J. H. Stewart: one of the subscribing witnesses who is dead, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each

Third.