

In  
Wills

In the Name of God Amen I John Steere of the  
County of Virginia and County of Bedford being Sory  
Sick and Weak in Body But of perfect mind and  
Memory Thanks be given to God Calling unto mind  
the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is  
Appointed for all Man and to die doe make  
and ordain this my last Will & Testament that  
is to say Principally and first of all I give  
and Recommend my soul unto the Hands of the  
almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend  
to the Earth Nothing doubting but at the General  
Resurrection I shall receive the same again by  
the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly  
Estate as it has been Pleas God to bestow unto  
me in this life I give Devise and dispose of  
the same in the following Manner Viz I give  
unto my dearly beloved wife my Land and  
all other things that I possess during her widow-  
hood and after she marries It is to be no longer  
hers but the Land is to be my son Thomas  
to him or his Heirs forever and the other things  
to be equally divided between my two Children

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is to be equally divided between my two children  
Thomas and Elender. I do hereby utterly disallow  
revoke and disannul all and every other Testaments  
or Wills by me before named Ratifying and confirming  
this and no other. In witness hereof I have hereunto  
set my Hand and affixed my Seal this the  
Eleventh day of March One thousand Seven hundred  
and eighty seven.

John Sharp Esq

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Signed, sealed & declared  
in presence of us

John Ayers, William Payne, John Nicholls  
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The Court held for Bedford County at the Court House the 23<sup>d</sup> day  
of July 1787. This last Will and Testament of John Stamp  
deceased was proved by the Oath of John Ayers, William  
Payne and John Nicholls witnesses thereto and ordered to  
be recorded - And on the motion of Anne Stamp widow  
and widow of said Deceased who made Oath thereto in  
Letters of Administration with the Will annexed is granted  
her on all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of  
said Deceased who entered into and acknowledged these  
with Thomas Price, William McCoy and Henry Mingo  
her witnesses in the penalty of Five Hundred pounds  
for the said administration due and faithfully  
administered of said Deceaseds Estate according  
to Law  
Teste, Jas. Shepherd Clk

In Board of the name of God Amen the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1787  
Seven hundred and eighty six I John Board Clerk of Bedford  
County Virginia being very sick and weak in body but  
of sound mind and memory do hereby certify that the