

Teste. *Wm. H. H. H. H.*

Wm. Steele
will
and

I Samuel Steele of Rockbridge County and State of Virginia being
 in a sick and low condition but of a sound mind and memory
 do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following
 to wit. after my just debts and funeral charges is paid the remain-
 der of my Estate I allow to be disposed of and distributed in the man-
 ner hereafter mentioned. - I will and bequeath to my three sons Robert
 Samuel and William all the Lands I now possess in this County
 to be divided in such a manner as each one shall have an equal
 share having due respect to the quality of the Land the improvement
 made thereon and every convenience which one part may have
 above the other. I will my son Robert his part of the old tract where
 William Beard now lives which has been named to him and if found
 necessary a part of the land purchased from Edmundson or Scott I
 will my son Samuel that part of the old tract or tract with me

the dwelling house and barn together with a part of the Land
 as from Edmiston or Scott I will my son William that part of the
 old track that will include the mill together with a part of the Land
 purchased from Edmiston or Scott if my three sons Robert Samuel
 and William do not cordially and in a friendly manner make the
 decision which I now greatly desire they would do and if not I will
 and allow it to be divided by William Wardlaw Charles Campbell
 John Mc Bride John Mills, ^{or} Andrew Wardlaw Alexander Gultson
 any three of them. I will and bequeath to my daughter Polly
 Beard and my daughter Betsy Steele my Land in Kentucky
 and if one hundred acres can be purchased from John Gay which
 he has proposed to set to me for twenty pounds I allow my Execu-
 tors to purchase it which will make six hundred acres the
 Land to be equally divided having respect to quantity and quality
 between my daughters Polly and Betsy I will that the six
 hundred and forty acres of Land in West Tennessee be equally

decided between my son in law David Buchanan and
James Paterson but if the land in Tennessee be of more value than the
land in Kentucky then said Buchanan and Paterson shall
pay to the said Polly Baird and Betsy Steele as much as will
make the land heretofore bequeath equal in value to the said
land being first valued by disinterested persons the one half of
the land I have in Washington County Virginia I bequeath to
my son John the other half I give and allow to be equally de-
vided between my three sons Robert Samuel and Thieram
my son John has been long gone from this County and it is
uncertain whether he will ever return therefore if the said John
doth not come and claim the property here bequeath to him it
being notified in the publick papers by my Executor in
term of seven years then the said Robert Samuel and Thieram
may dispose of said land nevertheless if said John shall
at any time after the expiration of seven years be my

claim from my sons Robert Samuel and William the price of half of
the land if sold beside the Law. I bequeeth to my daughter Betsey I
allow her a good Horse and a feather bed and furniture and one hundred
and sixty six dollars and sixty eight cents in money also my son Wil-
liam a good Horse the one hundred Acres of Land due me from the two
Alexanders Walkers my house and lot in Brownsburg and all the rest of
my property not before bequeeth I allow to be sold and to be equally divided
among my eight children or their legal Heirs I allow my daughter
Betsey to live with my son Samuel while she remain single I will
that if any of the lands bequeeth should be lost by any unforeseen acci-
dent that all the heirs bear a proportionable part of the loss lastly I appoint
William Wardlaw Charles Campbell and Andrew Wardlaw sole
Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I hereby revoke all
former Wills and Testaments sealed and acknowledged this 29th day of
December 1807 in presence of

William Houston

Samuel Hooper

Samuel Steele (Seal)

Joseph Handlaw

At Rockledge July Court 1809

The last Will and Testament of Samuel Steele Deceased
 was produced in Court and proved by the oath of William Houston
 and Joseph Handlaw subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be
 recorded. And Charles Campbell one of the Executors therein named
 in open Court refused to take upon himself the burden ^{of the execution}
 of said Will. And on the motion of Andrew Handlaw another of the
 Executors named in said Will who made oath according to Law. certi-
 ficate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due form he
 having together with Charles Campbell John Gay Joseph White John
 Wilson William Patterson and Samuel Steele his security entered
 into and acknowledged Bond in the penalty of \$10,000 conditioned
 according to Law. And leave is reserved to William Handlaw the re-
 maining Executor named in said Will to join in the probate when
 he may think proper

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