

In the name of God Amen. I Joel Heder
of the County of Franklin, State of North Carolina
being of Sound and perfect mind and memory do
this 30th Day of May in the year of our Lord
One Thousand, eight hundred & Thirty Seven (1837)
make and publish this my last Will and Testament
in manner following -

First to my daughter Mariah Jefferys I
Will and bequeath one Dollar -

Second to my daughter Fannia Tucker to her and
her heirs forever the following Negro, Woman
Catharine, Woman (Zephia & her child), also Girl
Margaret, but the Girl Margaret is to remain with
my Wife for her use and benefit during the time
of her natural life

Thirdly - I Will and bequeath to my son
Washington, Jr. I pledge to him and his heirs forever
a Negro man named Burnell also the Son
Harmon & Leajah Peller, I have advanced him -

Fourthly I Will and bequeath to my son Oliver
P. Hedges to him and his heirs forever a Negro
man named Warron and one other man named
Joe both in his possession

Fifthly I Will and bequeath to my Daughter
Eliza Sumner to her and her heirs forever a Negro
Girl named Isabella also the Son Harmon
Peller, I have advanced her husband -

Sixthly I will and bequeath to my Son Carl
well Stedje to him and his Heirs, forever the following
negro, viz. Inda and boy Henderson, but the
boy Henderson is to remain in the possession of my
Wife for her use and benefit during her natural
life.

Seventhly I will and bequeath to my Son
Nephew R. Stedje to him and to his Heir,
forever a negro Girl by the name of Ellenora
now in his possession, also the Girl Amanda &
Gift. Peter, that I have advanced him.

Eighthly I will and bequeath to my Son William
Stedje to him and his Heir, forever the following
negro, viz. a man named Soladon a Woman
named Phill, and her child. Each also one bed &
furniture, I also will & bequeath to my Son Nephew
R. Stedje & William Stedje to them and their Heir,
forever all my Land.

Ninthly I will and bequeath to my Son & Nephew
C. Stedje to him and his Heir, forever the following
negro, viz. a man by the name of Claten and
a Girl named Emelina now in his possession.

Tenthly I will & bequeath to my Grandson
George Jefferys on Voreb Heide.

The balance of my property not disposed
of after the payment of my debts to remain in the
possession of my Wife for her use and benefit till
her death. - Then to be equally divided among

all my Children except the Share of Ellenrich
Jefferys to be held by my Executors and to be used
as they may think most advisable for the benefit of
her Children. - I appoint and constitute William
Stedje and Nephew Nephew Executors & the my last
will and Testament. - In testimony whereof I
have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal
this day and date above written.

Test

William Stedje Junr

James Hester Junr,

State of North Carolina } Court of pleas & quarter sessions
Franklin County. } September 1838

The foregoing will was exhibited in
open Court for probate and the execution thereof duly
proved by the oaths of William Stedje & James Hester the
subscribing witnesses - and was in fact
ordered to be recorded & filed

Attest J. S. Patterson Clk